

## Coordinating Agency Facing Crisis

### Showdown on Defense Squabbles Seen Likely at NCRAC Plenary

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—Against the background of a deepening internal crisis, the National Community Relations Advisory Council moved toward a plenary session next week which may bring a showdown on continued duplication of work between U. S. Jewish civic defense agencies.

Squabbling between the civic defense agencies and the failure of the NCRAC to materially improve the situation were slated for discussion at the plenary, The Post learned. The sessions will be held April 26 through May 1.

The basic controversy involves the four major civic defense groups—the PETEGORSKY American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee. It centers on the issue of allocation of functions, a proposal backed by the Congress and opposed by the AJCommittee and the ADL.

#### What It Means

Allocation would end the present system under which each agency, for example, has a legal department and would provide that all work in a field would be assigned to one agency.

Some 80 delegates were slated to attend the sessions, with two each from 27 Jewish communities represented in the NCRAC; five each from the four defense groups; two from the Jewish War Veterans and one from the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

#### Committee Did Little

In line with its objective of ending the considerable overlapping and duplication in the work of the Congress, Committee and ADL, the NCRAC executive committee at a plenary session in April, 1948 created an "ad hoc" committee.

That committee reportedly has met several times with the various agencies with little result. Community representatives on the NCRAC reportedly have been greatly disturbed by the failure of the civic agencies to reach agreement.

The community representatives were reported ready to battle for a showdown on the issue.

Officials of the Congress, which has consistently fought for allocation of function last June obtained support for the program

at the Large City Budgeting Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Another item which may come up at the plenary session is the issue of Congress charges that more than half of the \$11,000,000 sought this year for Jewish civic defense will be wasted.

Dr. David Petegorsky, national executive director of the Congress, made the charge in an interview with the National Jewish Post last Dec. 31 and subsequently repeated the charge.

In response, the AJCommittee and the ADL filed a formal protest with the NCRAC at an executive meeting March 21. After several hours of heated debate, the NCRAC executive postponed action until the April plenary session.

The AJCommittee and the ADL argued that Petegorsky made his statement to affect the fund-raising efforts of the two agencies through the Joint Defense Appeal. The JDA budget this year is \$6,800,000.

### Assure State Hearing In CCNY Dispute

(Earlier Story Inside)

NEW YORK—(NJP)—A formal promise from N.Y. State authorities this week that a formal hearing would be conducted in the case of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker failed to halt City College of New York student plans to continue their strike.

The 11 member strike committee said the student walkout would continue until Knickerbocker and William C. Davis, an economics instructor, were suspended and brought to trial by the city Board of Higher Education.

James E. Allen, Jr., executive assistant to Education Commissioner Francis Spaulding, announced in Albany that a hearing would be held within two or three weeks on the charges of anti-Semitic bias against Knickerbocker.

Allen said a date for the hearing would be set this week. It probably will be held in Albany.

## CPZ Delays Slate Naming in Bid For ZOA Harmony Via Coalition

By MARC H. TANENBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The Committee for Progressive Zionism this week postponed selection of an opposition slate of candidates for the Zionist Organization of America convention next month in a new bid for unity on a coalition basis, despite a lukewarm response to the idea from ZOA leaders.

The decision was made at the first nominating convention of the CPZ last Sunday and it ran into sharp protests from some out-of-town delegates. A Committee of 15 was named to work out a coalition slate with the ZOA administration prior to the 52nd ZOA convention May 28.

The surprise action of the 300 delegates to CPZ nomination convention came against a background of reports that Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the ZOA, has been meeting unofficially with CPZ leaders in a bid to stop Daniel Frisch, the Hoosier ZOA vice president who in recent weeks has piled up pre-convention endorsements throughout Zionist districts.

The latest district to hop on the Frisch bandwagon was the Houston ZOA, whose board of directors, claiming to represent some 2,000 members, voted to support Frisch's candidacy.

The Post learned reliably that Neumann has hinted that Mortimer May of Nashville, Tenn., also a ZOA vice president, is his choice.

Another report was that Frisch and Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the ZOA national administrative council, also have been meeting with CPZ leaders in bids for support.

#### Silver's Name Again

The name of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver cropped up in the presidential talk again this week when Arnold R. Ginsburg, a member of the ZOA executive board in Philadelphia, issued an urgent "draft Silver" appeal.

Writing in his column "Our Jewish Community" in the current issue of the Philadelphia Jewish TIMES, Ginsburg, who attended the CPZ convention, urged ZOA members in Philadelphia to mount a draft movement immediately and "take the lead in stimulating a nationwide grass-roots movement among the rank and file of ZOA membership demanding that Dr. Silver accept the ZOA presidency when it is offered to him at the convention."

Dr. Silver rejected an earlier draft movement in March. He previously held the post in 1946 and 1947 after a return to power that drove out of high Zionist positions many of the present members of the CPZ.

The Committee of 15 sched-

#### Heads Peace Committee



RUDDOLPH G. SONNEBORN  
How Much For Peace?

uled a meeting for Sunday to prepare for negotiations with the ZOA, despite a chilly reception from Neumann. If the coalition efforts get nowhere by May 1, the committee will work out an opposition slate.

Referring to the proposal, Neumann said:

"If it is minority representation on our governing bodies in proportion to its numerical strength, we are for it. Such representation was repeatedly offered to the minority and repeatedly rejected. But if they mean disproportionate representation or the fragmentation of our organization into permanent factions perpetuating disunity and strife—that is quite another matter."

#### What It Means

Neumann's stand was interpreted to mean that, since the CPZ could not prove its strength in advance of the next convention, there appeared to be little basis for a coalition slate that would give any major offices to the CPZ.

There also was a problem of a coalition candidate to head the ticket. Dewey Stone, the Brockton, Mass., ZOA vice president, who was endorsed by the New England ZOA regional executive last week for the presidency, reportedly is acceptable to the CPZ but some CPZ members at the

Sunday convention indicated they were cool toward him because of his closeness to ZOA administration leaders.

The proposal for a coalition ran into some fire at the convention. Adolph Hamburger of Baltimore protested failure to name an opposition slate, saying that "if you weren't ready to nominate, you should have said so."

Joseph Halpert, president of the Atlantic City ZOA region, informally nominated Rudolph G. Sonneborn, one of the CPZ's key leaders, for the presidency. After saying that he had no faith in the Silver-Neumann leadership, he withdrew his nomination. Halpert said he would be willing to accept a coalition on some offices but not on the presidency.

#### Assurances Asked

Rabbi J. Leonard Azneer of Schenectady asked assurances that the coalition, if one were achieved, would not be broken at the last minute by a ZOA bolt.

Despite the objections, demands for a new attempt to prevent a bitter fight at the next convention were strong enough to win general approval of a resolution calling for harmony.

The Committee of 15 consisted of Carl Sherman of New York; Isadore Breslau of Washington, D. C.; Halpert; Mitchell M. Cohen of Philadelphia; Hamburger; Isadore Lafare of Philadelphia; Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland; Judge Jacob Schwolsky of Hartford, Conn.; Rabbi Azneer; Abraham Feinberg of New York; Harold J. Goldenberg of Minneapolis; Sol Luckman of Cincinnati; Max Birnbaum of New York; Benjamin Harris of Chicago; and Sonneborn who was named chairman.

The coalition resolution, which was adopted unanimously read:

"As we approach the convention, it remains our conviction that the ZOA cannot at this time afford a public display of party controversy and that only through an all-inclusive coalition will it be possible to muster all ZOA resources for service to Zionism and Israel."

## Jews And Non-Jews Mourn Passing Of Stephen S. Wise At 75

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Jews and non-Jews throughout the United States and in many other countries mourned the death this week of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, one of the giants of his age.

The Budapest-born rabbi died after an abdominal operation in a New York hospital. He rallied last week, but sank into a coma Saturday and died Tuesday afternoon.

In his 75 years, Rabbi Wise reached heights of dramatic leadership as a spokesman for justice both for Jews and non-Jews, but his greatest achievements probably will be recorded in Zionism.

He lived to see his prediction of a Jewish State become a reality but not long enough to visit Israel himself. He had planned to go there this spring.

His career was marked by an unflinching stand for the right as he saw it, a philosophy that left a trail of upheavals in Jewish life.

As one of the founders of American political Zionism, he labored for nearly half a century but broke with the ZOA in 1938 in disagreement with the policies of the administration headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

He joined the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism



DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

but stayed out of its limelight, turning more fully to his long fight for Jewish dignity in every country.

As president of both the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress, he battled unstintingly against peoples and governments whenever and wherever they engaged in the centuries-old sport of persecuting Jews.

He was credited with developing the Congress concept of nailing down in legislation rights for Jews as first-class citizens. The philosophy found active expression in laws against discrimination in housing, employment, education, and other fields.

He was one of the leading rabbinical lights of his time. His Free Synagogue was a center of rabbinical leadership. As president of the Jewish Institute of Religion, he trained a generation of Reform rabbis.

He was a prolific pamphleteer, contributing many articles to CONGRESS WEEKLY and to OPINION, of which he was editor.

His interests were not limited to Jewish problems alone. In his youth he was an active battler for progressive labor legislation and in one of his last public appearances, he spoke out against what he considered a growing movement toward war.



## New York

ISRAELI VICTORIES HAVE MADE  
JEWS EVERYWHERE PRETTY COCKY

By M. Z. FRANK

I LEFT Haifa in a Norwegian freighter on May 21, and we arrived in Naples a few days later. I went to see my friends in Naples and stayed there overnight. In the afternoon I was taken to a WIZO meeting which I was asked to address. In the evening some local Jews gathered to see me and to ask questions about the situation in the newly-born State of Israel. They were worried. The smaller the Jewish community, the further away they are from the main centres of Jewish life, the less they are confident of the Jews' ability to fight it out. I reassured them. They found it hard to believe. One thing impressed them more than anything else. I told them that as I walked into the Haifa harbor, I saw nearly every ship flying the colors of the new state. Somehow that evidence of the world's recognition gave them a lift, in Naples, Italy, late in May 1948.

From Naples I went to Rome where I spent a day, seeing Aryeh Stern, who is now Israeli Consul-General in Rome; Ada Sereni, Yehuda Arazi and several other people of the Jewish Agency. Then I went to Milan where I saw the DP's, and then to Genoa where I caught my boat. From Genoa the boat went to Marseilles where it docked for a couple of days. We went ashore every day. The only other Jew on the boat, Benjamin Zifroni, a native Palestinian, and myself went into an Algerian Jewish restaurant in Marseilles. As soon as it was discovered that we were coming from Israel, we were surrounded by people who were anxious to know what was happening there.

"You mean they have an army, a real army?" one young man kept asking.

"Yes, sure."

"What language do they use in giving commands?"

"Hebrew."

"You mean, Hebrew, l'hebreu?"

"Yes."

"You mean, the 'shon-kodesh,' the language they use in the synagogue?"

"That's right. They say 'ahat shtayim, yamin, semol, dom' (one, two, right, left, attention)."

"Really?"

"Really."

"Ah, cela me donne des frissons," one young man kept on repeating every time my English replies were translated for him into French. "Cela me donn des frissons"—It gives me the thrills.

AT THE END OF MY second visit to Israel, I left Lydda by air on the morning of March 14. Our plane arrived in Rome that same evening. I telephoned to the AP office telling them I had some films for them which Gerry Malmel had given me, from Aden, and then I telephoned my friends, the Castelnuos. "Are you at the air field? Come straight over here," said Lina.

I came later than I expected, what with Italian speed of clearing papers. In the anteroom at the Castelnuos, the representative of the AP was waiting for me to take the films. (Only today, April 6, at the JDC office, I was shown those pictures of the Yemenite Jews in Aden on the Operation Flying Carpet, the films which I brought from Lydda to Rome.) But the Castelnuos did not wait for me with supper. In fact, Lina told me that another gentleman had eaten my good Italian meal, and she introduced me to him. The Castelnuos were having an executive meeting of the Italian UPA at their home. All those present surrounded me, all of them Italian Jews. They all wanted to know one thing: "What about Aquaba?"

Sure, I knew the story. This was Monday. On Friday, at the Ritz Hotel in Tel-Aviv, I was among the mob of foreign journalists to whom Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett told the story for the world to know.

"What about Aquaba?" a newspaperman asked Sharett in English.

"Aquaba?" Sharett shrugged his shoulders. "Why Aquaba is in Transjordan territory, we have nothing to do with it." Silence.

"What about Eilat?" a bright Jewish boy asked, also in English.

(Eilat is the Hebrew name for Aqaba and is used to designate the part of the Aquaba Bay allotted to the Jews.)

"Oh, Eilat?" said Sharett. "Why, this is Israeli territory, and we have a garrison there."

I tried to tell the story to my Italian Jewish friends in English and in French. Finally I gave up and told it in Hebrew to Lina who translated it into Italian for the company. They let out a wow and one man began capering around the room singing something in Italian.

"What's that?" I asked Lina.

She gave me the words in Italian—Roman dialect—and trans-

Synagogue Council Gives Inferential Support  
To Arab DP-Jewish Population Exchange Plan

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Synagogue Council of America, representing the three wings of American Judaism, gave indirect support this week to proposals for an exchange of Arab DPs with Jews living in Moslem lands.

Dr. Robert P. Gordis, president of the Synagogue Council, said that the organization had been giving "serious consideration to the problem" from the standpoint of its deep concern "with humanitarian issues wherever and whenever they arise."

Dr. Gordis disclosed that the Synagogue Council was "seeking to consult with responsible agencies" to learn the facts and to "make a genuine contribution" toward a solution of the problem.

The indirect endorsement for the exchange proposal was made in citing the statement of Moshe Sharett (Shertok), Israeli Foreign Minister, suggesting the exchange.

"Such an exchange of population was successfully carried out in Thrace and Macedonia between Greece and Turkey and was specifically



GORDIS

proposed with regard to Palestine in the platform of the British Labor party of which Mr. (Ernest) Bevin (British Foreign Secretary) is still a member," Dr. Gordis said.

Dr. Gordis said that whether that proposal "or any other will ultimately be found fair and feasible," it was obvious that the Israeli approach "is a sincere and exclusive desire to serve the cause of humanity and justice."

Proposals that Israel be compelled to accept the Arab DPs en masse were inferentially criticized in the Gordis statement. He said that "any genuine solution of this problem is possible only by those who have no ulterior political motives and whose actions are not guided by a deep and unconquerable hatred of the State of Israel."

He said that exaggerated press reports on the number of Arab refugees had ignored the issue of responsibility for the existence of the Arab DPs.

"Reliable information from many sources, including British observers, indicate that the vast majority of the Arabs who fled did so under the direct threat of the Arab Higher Committee which threatened them with reprisals were they to remain within the Jewish community," he said.

Israeli Considers  
Auto Assembly Plant

TEL AVIV—The Israeli Government is considering a plan to establish an automobile assembly plant in Jerusalem.

A group of private industrialists representing large American firms, approached the Government. They propose to sell cars in Europe, in exchange for various commodities needed in Israel.

## NEW HEAD FOR GALIL

CLEVELAND — (NJP) — Irv Lerner, former national field director of the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Youth Organization, was appointed this week director of Camp Galil, a non-profit camp near Butler, Penna.

lated the ditty:

"If we make another war, we'll take England, too."

The Fascist youth used to sing it during the war.

THE FOLLOWING STORY WAS TOLD to me by Jacqueline Shohet, a Cairo-born gifted writer.

She was in Switzerland this winter, and went up to the Jungfrau, the highest mountain peak in Europe. While there, she walked into a room where seven people were singing Hatikvah. They looked embarrassed on seeing a stranger, but she joined in the singing.

"Are you Jewish?" one woman asked her. She answered in the affirmative. The occasion was the news of the brilliant Jewish victory in the Negev.

One man in the company tried to talk to Jacqueline, but they could not find a language the two of them could use. He tried Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian; she tried English, French and Italian—no go. Finally, he put seven fingers together and added one more and said with a sweeping gesture of both hands:

"Tutti frutti."

Meaning: All of us are Jews together celebrating Jewish victories.

But the payoff is yet to come.

One stout matron asked Jacqueline. "Are you married?"

"No," she said.

Then the matron pointed to three men in the company, listing one as first class, another as not so hot, a third as a no-goodnik—All epithets expressed by peculiar motions of the hands and fingers—and urged her:

"Talk to them!"

Which, says Jacqueline, made a perfect self-contained little Jewish world on the peak of the Jungfrau.

Moral:

a) The Jewish victories in Israel have made Jews all over the world cocky;

b) When Jews get to a resort, they talk shidduchim (marriage arrangements).

Most Tel Aviv Shops  
Reject Non-Kosher Meat

TEL AVIV—Seventy per cent of the butcher shops in Tel Aviv were supplied with non-kosher canned meat during recent weeks, World Mizrahi (religious Zionist) headquarters reported this week.

The Mizrahi News Bureau said that many butchers refused to accept the meat, asserting that their customers ate only kosher meat.

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## Secrecy On Date Finally Dispelled

## ZOA Reveals Orientation Report Will Be Made at Convention

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—An unofficial Zionist Organization of America spokesman this week lifted the mantle of secrecy which has enveloped the ZOA committee on reorientation by disclosing that the committee will make its report to the forthcoming 52nd annual ZOA convention next month.

The spokesman was Dr. Samuel Margoshes, a member of the ZOA national administrative council and the disclosure was made in the second issue of a new "Zionist Newsletter," of which is chairman. The newsletter presumably is being issued by Dr. Margoshes in his capacity as chairman of a committee on public information for the ZOA.

The administration of the ZOA has maintained complete silence on the work of the committee, which is headed by Judge Simon Rifkind of New York. The decision at the 51st convention in Pittsburgh last July to make a comprehensive study of the future of Zionism in the U. S. won general approval, including that of the opposition Progressive Zionism.

Some ZOA delegates urged at the Pittsburgh convention that an early deadline be set for the committee report and suggested last Sept. 1. The deadline was set at January 1 when administration backers promised that the report would be ready then at the latest.

The January 1 deadline passed without announcement of any activity by the committee and early this year Judge Rifkind invited all U. S. Jews to make suggestions.

Dr. Margoshes disclosed the date for the committee report in replying to charges contained in the CPZ call to convention held last Sunday. One of the charges was that the present ZOA administration was "totally unprepared and unfit" for the reorientation of American Zionism made necessary by the emergence of the Jewish State.

"The entire effort of the administration has been bent toward the task of reorientation," Dr. Margoshes retorted in the Zionist Newsletter. "Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the ZOA, has appointed a committee, including members of the CPZ, and headed by the eminent jurist, Judge Simon Rifkind, to study this problem and report on it to the forthcoming convention."

## STRATEGY OF FRISCH BACKERS HIT BY DETROIT PUBLISHER

**National Jewish Post**  
DETROIT—A vigorous attack on the political tactics of backers of Daniel Frisch for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was made here last week by Philip Slomovitz, publisher of the Detroit Jewish NEWS, largest Anglo-Jewish weekly in Michigan.

Slomovitz, who has been urging Judge Simon Rifkind of New York as a compromise candidate in the bitter fight for the presidency of the world's largest Zionist body, was critical of the action of the Michigan ZOA regional executive, which endorsed Frisch's candidacy.

He criticized "the handful of men who, at a meeting in Grand Rapids, decided to give support of Michigan's 6,000 enrolled Zionists to Mr. Frisch."



FRISCH

"What happened to the other 5,975—especially in view of an established tradition in our own community to trust the judgment of delegates who have a right to go to conventions uninstructed?" Slomovitz said editorially.

Slomovitz a former president of the Detroit ZOA district said he felt that a political campaign "inevitably taxes the energies of people who should instead be working for the United Jewish Appeal."

## Says Zionists Sore

He said some Zionist districts were rebelling against the "new standards in Zionism" and asked "will the Zionist Organization of Detroit adhere to a long-established policy of trusting to the judgment of its spokesmen in conventions?"

The NEWS reported previously that there was considerable disturbance in Detroit Zionist circles over the endorsement for the Hoosier ZOA leader.



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Committee for

## Rabbi Reports Jewish Merchants Closed Stores On Good Friday; Charges Catholic Pressure Used

HUNTINGTON STATION, N. Y.—(NJP)—Rabbi Jacob J. Honig charged this week that many Jewish merchants in Huntington closed their stores on Good Friday under pressure and he accused local Catholic Church leaders of un-American conduct in asking observance of the religious holiday by members of other religions.

Writing in the BULLETIN of his Huntington Jewish Center, Rabbi Honig said that Holy Name Societies of the local Catholic church approached merchants of Huntington Station with a statement and a display sign.

The statement said that "Divine assistance is required to bring an everlasting peace to the world. No better time can be realized than on Good Friday, the anniversary of the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

"We shall not repeat stories of alleged intimidation but coercion was attempted on objectants to have them close on Good Friday between the hours of twelve noon and three," Rabbi Honig said.

"With the exception of a few alert, self-respecting Jews, many Jewish merchants sheepishly signed the statement and accepted the sign for display saying that their businesses would be closed during the aforementioned hours," the rabbi declared.

Terming the action an "undemocratic, arrogant doctrine," the rabbi asserted that it was a "threat to religious freedom for it could lead to further encroachments as the years went on."

"This incipient encroachment on the right of freedom of religion even by the principal and dominant religious sect is a serious inroad on the rights secured to every citizen by the United States constitution," he asserted. "It was un-American of the Church to request observance of Good Friday by members of other religions."

He cited in contrast the stand of the Jewish Center, as the seat of Jewish religion in Huntington, which "permits freedom of conscience to all, Jew and non-Jew, and does not by any method deprive them of their right to keep open on the Jewish Holy Days, even on Yom Kippur, if they so desire."

The Jewish merchants who accepted the request also drew some heavy fire from Rabbi Honig.

He said that it was also un-American "on the part of those who would acquiesce in permitting this encroachment on freedom of conscience. They were not being true to the principles upon which this country was founded."

He spoke bitterly of the reactions of a few of the Jewish merchants who felt some uneasiness over signing the statement and closing the store. He mentioned one such merchant and commented that "he was troubled by one consideration. Should he lost trade for three hours by closing his doors or should he risk the general loss of business by fear of offending. It was all a matter of business."

## SZYCK'S ISRAEL ETCHING DISPLAYED IN TEMPLE OF EX-COUNCIL MEMBER

**National Jewish Post**

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Arthur Szyck's brilliant etching of the new Israeli Declaration of Independence graced the foot of Rabbi Joseph Rauch's pulpit in Temple Adath Israel last week while the former American Council for Judaism member called the anniversary of May 14 a "great day."



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At the close of his sermon, he invited the congregation members to come to the bimah and inspect the etching.

Rabbi Rauch, a charter member of the council, resigned last June with the assertion that "not to stand by the State of Israel is to be on the side of the warring Arabs."

Rabbi Rauch delivered a fine Zionist sermon last week, although specifying as he always does in public statements, that he is not a nationalist. His words and the warmth of his address, however, indicated clearly that he would be perfectly at home in the strongest Zionist group.

## Constitution Won't Stop Sabbath Violation

## Seattle Center Officers Reject Ban on Use of Non-Kosher Foods

By JACK STEINBERG

**National Jewish Post Correspondent**

SEATTLE—(NJP)—A bid to include in the new constitution and by-laws of the Seattle Jewish Community Center observance of the Sabbath in Center activities and a ban on non-kosher food was defeated this week at a heated two-hour meeting of the Center incorporators.

By a vote of nine to five, the incorporators accepted the arguments of the representatives of Conservative and Reform groups that the Orthodox group had no right to "foist its opinions" on other segments of the Seattle Jewish population.

Representatives of Herzl Congregation (Conservative) and Reform Temple de Hirsch joined in defeating the proposal.

Rabbi Isadore Kahan of Ezra Bessaro Congregation, a Sephardic group, joined with Rabbi Gerson Appel of Congregation Bikur Cholim in urging approval of the ban on trefe food and requiring Sabbath observance in the Center building and program.

## Center Officers Warned

Following the vote, Rabbi Appel warned the Center officers they could not expect the Orthodox community in Seattle to support the Center if Kashruth and Sabbath observance were violated.

The incorporators thereupon unanimously passed a resolution asking the newly-elected board of directors to give sympathetic consideration to the two issues at its first meeting.

The meeting had been called to agree upon a constitution and by-laws. The agenda submitted by the regular constitution committee did not include any reference to Kashruth and Sabbath observance.

## Rabbi Brings Proposal

Rabbi Appel, however, brought with him to the meeting a proposed constitutional provision to ban serving of non-kosher food and to require observance of the Sabbath in all programs and activities to the Center.

Backers of the proposal argued that the vast majority of Jewish Community Centers in the U.S. serve only kosher food and are closed for organized activities on Friday nights and Saturdays.

## School Board Drops Friday Eve Exercises

**National Jewish Post**

PASSAIC, N.J.—Over the objections of one member, the Passaic Board of Education agreed this week to meet Jewish objections to holding school exercises on Friday nights.

Mrs. Marie F. Moran refused to vote for the change. She said she could not agree that the graduation exercises were a violation of anybody's Sabbath, since they "are so beautiful."

She added that it seemed strange to her "to have the pressure for the change when many Jewish storekeepers in Passaic keep open on Friday nights."

The Board took the action following a plea by Rabbi Israel Gerstein and Rabbi Max Zucker. The two rabbis told a Board meeting that the practice of holding the exercises on Friday nights prevented many parents and friends from attending them.

The stand of the rabbis was supported editorially by the city's only daily, the HERALD NEWS.

## Morocco Officials Yield Matzohs When U.S. Acts

WASHINGTON—(JTA)—The intervention of C. Paul Fletcher, U. S. consul-general in Casablanca, has caused the release of 500 pounds of matzohs withheld from Moroccan Jews, a spokesman for the French Embassy here admitted this week.

A cable received by the Embassy said that the French were unaware that the matzohs were to be eaten as part of a religious ceremony until advised by Fletcher's complaints. They said that they thought the shipment was for one person and customs officials "didn't realize" it was a free gift.

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## Second Of A Series

### On Zionist Educational Work

# Mizrachi Now Ready to Make Bid As Education Leader for U.S. Jews

**Editor's Note:** One of the great debates raging in Zionism in the wake of establishment of the Jewish State is the degree to which Zionist organizations should take leadership in promoting the Jewish education of American Jewry. Zionist philosophy has always maintained a double goal of helping to bring the Jewish State into being and educating American Jewry. The admitted failure in the second objective is laid by Zionist spokesmen to the pressing need for all-out political effort needed for the first objective. Now that Israel has been accorded world-wide recognition, what are American Zionist groups doing to carry out the other half of the Zionist program? The Post this week presents the second of a series of articles answering that question.

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—For the Mizrahi (religious) Zionist Organization, the emergence of a Jewish State is regarded as both a prod and a unique opportunity to win leadership in the American Jewish Community, a spokesman said this week.

The problem of reorientation—retooling from a political movement to a cultural-educational force in American Jewish life—has never really bedeviled the American Mizrahi movement.

From its very beginning, education has been a major focus of Mizrahi activity. In part this has stemmed from the fact that the bulk of Mizrahi membership, trained and educated in European and American yeshivot (all-day schools) and academies and Hebrew schools, was highly articulate and deeply rooted in Jewish knowledge and tradition. Stemming in turn from this condition, Mizrahi could not and did not become a mass movement on the secularized American Jewish scene, as on the order of the giant Zionist Organization of America. Hence, it has not been compelled to forego educational efforts for largely political activity.

#### Purpose From the Start

Mizrahi's purpose, the spokesman explained, has been clear from the very outset, when the movement was founded in 1903 at the sixth World Zionist Congress at Basle. In naming their movement Mizrahi—a combination of Mercaz Ruchani (spiritual center)—the Orthodox Jewish leaders announced their intention to press for cultural content in all Zionist work.

That intention took concrete form in America when the Mizrahi Organization was launched in 1912 and with the subsequent establishment of Mizrahi Women's Organization; Noar Mizrahi, the national Mizrahi youth; and Junior Mizrahi Women.

The entire movement, now totalling 75,000 members, found it had less of an education problem among its membership than most other U. S. Jewish groups. The background of the membership meant that education and labor for the Zionist cause itself was never any problem since the ideal of return to Zion was as much a religious commandment as any other.

Aware of the natural affinity of its membership toward Jewish values, each of the Mizrahi groups set up the machinery to provide material for cultural and

educational programs to guide members along religious Zionist lines.

#### Steady Flow of Material

Both the men's and women's groups centered much of their cultural activity around the synagogue, since "Beth Hamidrash" has traditionally been the center of Jewish life. Chapters all over the U. S. have been provided with a steady flow of books, pamphlets, leaflets and general literature dealing primarily with the religious approach to Zionism, the history of Zionism, celebration of Jewish holidays, Mizrahi institutions in Israel, Jewish tradition and similar themes.

Through the national offices of the four Mizrahi groups, news bulletins and monthly publications—each prepared especially for the tastes and needs of each group—have fed the avid interest of the members in current events affecting Israel.

Seminars, discussion and study groups—all aimed at sparking interest in Judaism as well as Zionism—have been held under national guidance. Speakers have been provided regularly by the Mizrahi speakers bureau to almost every chapter in the U. S. Films made in Israel portraying the role of religious Jews in building Israel through religious colonies, collective settlements, children's villages, yeshivot, housing projects, loan banks for immigrants, a model school system and similar labors, have been shown to Mizrahi groups in all parts of the country.

In this general field of education, Mizrahi activities by and large parallel those of other Zionist groups. But the greatest contribution which the American Mizrahi have made to U. S. Jewish life has been made through the Mizrahi National Education Committee, familiarly known as Mindeco.

#### Got Ready Years Ago

Realizing that with the withering away of the powerful Zionist ideal as a political drive, U.S. Jews would in large part be left without purpose, the U. S. Mizrahi movement had the foresight eight years ago to set up a national education system which would make possible the training of a generation of American Jewish boys and girls faithful to history and heritage but what was even more important, a generation that would not be merely a pale reflection or a second-class imitation of Israeli youth.

The success of this program, the Mizrahi spokesman said, is attested to by the results of a survey made recently by Dr. Jacob Hoffman, president of Mindeco. Dr. Hoffman said more than 10,000 American Jewish children are currently

## Free Circumcision For Kids Coming To Israel

**TEL AVIV**—All uncircumcised child immigrants reaching Israel will be circumcized at the expense of the Israeli Government, World Mizrahi (religious) Zionist headquarters announced this week, according to the Mizrahi news bureau.

The MNB reported that the program will come under the auspices of the Ministry of Immigration, headed by Moshe Shapiro.

being educated in 78 institutions sponsored and maintained by Mindeco.

Organized ten years ago, Mindeco now operates in 85 communities in 26 states and, in addition, helps Jewish education in Canada, South America and in recent years, Mindeco has helped Jewish DPs in Germany.

#### Appalling Conditions

The fact that less than 25 per cent of Jewish children in this country have any knowledge of Jewish tradition and the compelling need for a central agency for Orthodox Jewish education, led Mindeco to expand its network of schools.

That network includes kindergartens, Talmud Torahs (Hebrew afternoon schools), Yeshivot Ketanah (Hebrew all-day schools) and girls' academies. As these institutions grew, the need for textbooks became acute and Mindeco set up a publications department which to date has published and sold 10,860 volumes.

In addition, Mindeco has published monthly Hebrew and English periodicals, dealing mainly with educational problems. To elevate the standards of its schools, the Mizrahi educational system has provided substantial subsidies for the educational and physical needs of its institutions. It also has provided teachers, executive personnel, modern textbooks and planned curricula to foster maximum Jewish education.

Pioneer effort has marked almost every phase of Mindeco activities. Six kindergartens of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts were the first of their kind. The Hebrew Kindergarten Workshop, opened in 1944, the "Hebrew Kindergarten Manual," two albums—Shiray Gan and Sabbath Songs—of unbreakable records containing educational children's songs, were all part of Mindeco's trail-blazing work.

With 16 Yeshivot Ketanot, 57 Talmud Torahs, using Mindeco texts, employing Mindeco teachers, following Mindeco curricula, the Mizrahi movement in the U. S. feels it has already made a considerable contribution to education in the U. S. for Jews, the spokesman said.

#### In Canada, Too

Mindeco influence has spilled over the borders of the U. S. In Canada, a sister organization modeled after Mindeco is now functioning. Jewish communities in Central and South America have turned to the N. Y. Mizrahi system for help in organizing their educational programs.

If there has been any blotch on the Mizrahi program, it has been that its leaders have not sold its program in the past. The spokesman said that Mizrahi leaders are convinced it has the program which can fill the vacuum created by worldwide acceptance of Israel.

In this fact, according to the spokesman, lies both the prod and the opportunity. Freed of the immediate pressing needs of political activity, Mizrahi

## A Digest of the Yiddish Press

# URUGUAY JEWS EXCOMMUNICATED FOR LAGGARD FUND-GIVING

By **RABBI SAMUEL SILVER**

The measures taken in Mexico to compel Jews to contribute to Jewish relief are wrist-raps compared to what has been happening in the Jewish community of Uruguay, according to the JOURNAL's Montevideo correspondent, R. Marcus. In 1947 Uruguay's Jews raised a total of \$75,000. But 1948 has been different, due to extraordinary decisions made by the Zionist Central Agency.



The campaign began with an open-air mass-meeting in Montevideo, to which 20,000 people were drawn. Then the Jewish leaders agreed to tax every single Jewish individual 2 per cent of his wealth. The response was excellent. Each contributor has been given a certificate attesting that he has done his part.

As for the recalcitrant, they were subjected to unprecedented pressures. Without a certificate, a Jew can not enter a synagogue or attend a Jewish gathering of any kind; no rabbi, shochet, or mohel will serve him. Non-contributors are boycotted commercially, and are even excluded from poker sessions. Two wealthy businessmen who refused to give had to leave Uruguay.

By the use of these tactics, and due to the general exhilaration over the establishment of the Jewish State, Uruguay's Jews

is ready to make its bid for the masses of U. S. Jews.

Mizrahi leaders believe the movement has the sympathy of large numbers of American Jews; it believes that only religious Zionism provides the answer to the challenge from Israel's enemies of alleged dual loyalties, since a religious Jew has ties with Israel which transcend geographical loyalties.

What are the immediate plans for the future? Mindeco will certainly continue to be a center of emphasis of the Mizrahi Organization, the spokesman said. But the overall purpose of all Mizrahi cultural and educational work ahead will be aimed mainly at strengthening the ties between religious Jewry here and in Israel.

In Mizrahi ideology, Israel is conceived of as not another political-national state, but rather as a spiritual center, acting upon Jewry in the Diaspora and in turn being acted upon. Therefore, Mizrahi, all four groups, will continue to sponsor activities along these lines:

#### Here Are The Programs

1. Organized tours to Israel, guiding U. S. Jews to shrines hallowed in Jewish tradition, as well as to Mizrahi institutions.
2. Support of present Mizrahi projects in Israel, and building of new ones, such as the recently-projected Tirah Zvi hospital, a veterans rehabilitation project now undertaken by Noar Mizrahi.
3. Encouraging and supporting student exchange programs.
4. A nation-wide program for teaching Jewish studies, i.e., Bible, Talmud, Jewish history, at synagogues and at Mizrahi chapters. Recently Mizrahi started a radio series in New York for teaching "The Prophets in the Atomic Age" by recorded broadcasts over station WEVD. This effort will be expanded for nation-wide usage.

raised a million dollars in 1948. Goal for 1949 is two million.

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#### U. S. Jew Aiding Indonesian Fight

Incredible though it may sound, the future of the country of Indonesia may be vitally affected by a 38-year-old Jewish movie magnate, whose name is Matthew Fox. The State Department is trying to keep it secret; the Government of Holland is outraged, and Russia is on the alert—but young Fox has consummated a deal with the Indonesian Republic whereby, if he wins its independence, all its commerce with the United States will be channeled through him.

A vice president of Universal Pictures, and a former advisor to Gen. Eisenhower, Fox became interested in Indonesia's plight accidentally when someone told him that an American bank refused to give credit to an Indonesian businessman. After extending the cash, \$80,000, Fox learned from an Indonesian official that Holland has exercised a monopoly on Indonesia's trade for 300 years, but has given the population of that country little in return.

Ninety-nine per cent of its people are illiterate, and poverty is rampant. Stirred by a sympathy for the Indonesians, he sought out a representative of the republican forces and ultimately organized the American-Indonesian Corporation. Although Fox has already earmarked \$500,000 for the enterprise, the corporation has done no business, because the Dutch are blockading Indonesia. Meanwhile, in that oppressed country, Fox is being hailed as a savior.

The "savior" is a native of Racine, Wisconsin, who was orphaned at eight and became a millionaire by the time he was 30. Helen Blum, of the DAY, who has uncovered this spectacular story doesn't make the suggestion: but what a "natural" this financial and idealistic prodigy would be for UJA work!

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#### Meet A Psychiatric Friend Of Israel

"Mein Shetele Belz" is more than a song to one of America's foremost psychoanalysts; it is part of his biography. Dr. M. Ralph Kaufman, president of the American Psychoanalytical Association, was born in the little Bessarabian town of Belz, of poor Jewish parents, Moshe Duchvany tells us in the JOURNAL.

Duchvany interviewed Dr. Kaufman in connection with the latter's leadership in the American Advisory Committee on Mental Hygiene in Israel, which is aiding the Jewish state in the problems of psychic rehabilitation of European refugees. Dr. Kaufman and his committee are lending the counsel and assistance of some of this nation's most outstanding psychiatrists to the Israeli government.

A former Harvard facultyman and the wartime chief psychiatrist for the American armed forces in the Pacific, Dr. Kaufman is cooperating with the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions in the important work of providing adequate mental hygiene services in Israel.

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## 200 Delegates Expected For Convention

## Council Seen Likely To Organize Fight on U.S. Non-Religious Groups

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—Two hundred delegates, rabbis and laymen representing chapters in 25 states and 40 cities will attend the fifth annual conference of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, the first since establishment of Israel, Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive director, announced this week.

The three-day conference this weekend will be held in Chicago and its objective, Rabbi Berger said, is "to advance the Council's program of national and social integration and to combat the efforts of 'Jewish' nationalism to extend its influence over the activities and institutions of American Jews."

Rabbi Berger's statement reinforced earlier hints that the Council would deal at the Chicago convention with the problem of reorientation brought about by worldwide acceptance of the Jewish State.

In a pre-convention issue of the Council NEWS, the organization outlined a tentative program which would project it squarely into the American Jewish scene for the first time in its short history.

The tentative program suggests



BERGER

ted a plan of battle against all non-religious institutions and organizations in U.S. Jewish life. (NJP April 1).

## Rosenwald Confirms It

In issuing the call to delegates, President Lessing E. Rosenwald said the conference would discuss and approve a new statement of the Council's objectives in the light of the emergence of the State of Israel.

"The existence of the State of Israel makes it more important than ever to make a clear national distinction between Americans of Jewish faith and Israeli of Jewish or any other faith," Rosenwald said. "It is now more necessary than ever to help determine the ultimate way of life for Americans of Jewish faith."

He explained that to the Council "Jewish" nationalism means "harnessing the interests, devotion and resources of Americans of Jewish faith to a foreign state, resulting inevitably in detriment to our needs

## In America."

The conference will open formally Friday, April 22 with a morning business session and a luncheon at which Rosenwald will give his president's message and Rabbi Berger his executive director's report.

## Sabbath Service Planned

A Sabbath service will be conducted in the evening by Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco, and Rabbi David Philipson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. William H. Fineshriber of Philadelphia, a Council vice president, will address a dinner meeting.

Saturday sessions will open with an informal luncheon and an address by Prof. Milton R. Konvitz of Cornell University on "What Can Israel learn from America?"

Clarence Pickett, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, will give an afternoon address on "A Quaker Looks at Modern Judaism." Reuben H. Markham, editor of the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, will speak at the annual dinner Saturday night on "Jewish Nationalism in the Present Divided World."

Sunday sessions will open with a business meeting in the morning and a luncheon at which George L. Levison will present a paper on the Council's program. A business session at which elections will be held will conclude the conference.

## I Think As I Please

## NEW DATA POINTS TO EXODUS OF JEWS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

By CARL ALPERT

STATISTICS have always had a fascination for me, and I whooped with delight when the latest number of the American Jewish Year Book came to hand, with pages and pages of figures, giving the Jewish population of every city in America with 100 Jews or more. An interesting article on "Jewish Population Studies," which precedes the tables, explains how the figures were compiled, and admits that the results are not always scientifically reliable, though satisfactory for general purposes.



I was interested in ascertaining the extent to which these figures reflected Jewish population shifts in the country, and with comparative figures before me for the same communities in 1937, I began some quick calculations which may prove of interest.

THE TREND TO CALIFORNIA which has seemed fairly obvious was adequately reflected. Twenty-five cities in that state showed an increase in Jewish population, and only five a decrease. Los Angeles grew from 82,000 Jews a dozen years ago to a total which by now probably exceeds the listed 225,000.

What other sections of the country have shown increase or decrease? With only a few exceptions the increases in population recorded are very small, and considering natural increase, actually constitute a static condition, if not relative decrease. On the other hand, the changes in figures may merely reflect improved methods of ascertaining count of Jewish heads over the estimates made in 1937. This should be borne in mind.

At any rate, there are some other changes which are broad enough to indicate a trend. One startling result which emerged from my calculations is the indication of a grand exodus from the state of Pennsylvania. Forty-eight communities there reported decreases in Jewish population, many of them sharply, and only 26 list increases, most of them minute. The only major increase is Pittsburgh, which added 2,000 Jews to its previous total of 52,000. But among the 48 are such instances as McKeesport which dropped from 6,850 to 2,400; Scranton, dropping from 9,800 to 5,500. Philadelphia, too, records a loss in the twelve years of 48,000 Jews? What's wrong with Pennsylvania?

The state of New Jersey, on the other hand, records 59 communities in which there has been an increase as against 26 which declined. Newark, however, lost almost 25 per cent of its Jewish population, so perhaps they merely moved out to the suburbs, adding to the statistics there.

ONE MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED another grand exodus from the southern states, but the movement has not been extreme. Thirty-nine cities report increases in Jewish population, all of them small, except Miami (which went from 7,500 to 40,000) and a few other communities in southern Florida. Recording losses in the southeast are 45 cities. Memphis, for example, lost one-half of its Jewish population in this period, if the figures are to be believed. Atlanta declined by almost 2,000; New Orleans, 1,200; Birmingham, 1,100. Can it be that they are heading for California?

Any figures on the Jewish population of New York City are unreliable. Thus the 1937 report gave 2,035,000, and 1948 gives us 2,000,000 even. Those statistics can't mean very much. In the remainder of New York state, however, I find 43 communities which increased in size, while only 19 declined. Oddly enough it is the bigger cities—Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany—which have declined, whereas the little villages and towns have increased.

Sometimes one can pin down the local factors which immediately affect population. Thus Washington, D. C., had 18,350 Jews in 1937, against 30,000 in 1947, but the population of the capital no doubt grew in similar proportion in that period. For that matter, it should be of interest to compare Jewish increases or declines noted above with the general population trends in those cities. In the three states of Oregon, Washington and Montana a total of seven cities reported declines in Jewish population, while only one showed an increase. Is that part of a general population trend, or does it mean that Jews out in the remote provinces want to get back to contact with their people and with Jewish schools and other Jewish influences?

I haven't attempted to treat these figures with any scientific analysis, nor have I weighted them by various factors involved. But even this amateur dabbling should prove of interest. I hope competent statisticians will take the figures in hand and give us the benefit of their studies.

## Calls Activities Pernicious

## LEVINTHAL ASSAILS COUNCIL FOR SPONSORING THREAT TALKS

**National Jewish Post**  
PHILADELPHIA—Sponsorship by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism of speakers warning American Jews that their support of Zionism threatened new anti-Semitic dangers was vigorously condemned this week by Louis E. Levinthal, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Levinthal called it "tragic" that in the midst "of our Allied

Jewish Appeal campaign, which every self-respecting Jew should support to the utmost of his

ability, an organization purporting to be both American and Jewish should sponsor the dissemination of noxious, subversive propaganda against the State

of Israel and also against the established foreign policy of our American government."

The former ZOA official made his comments in a letter to the Jewish EXPONENT of Philadelphia.

"Our ancestors had a name for this sort of disloyal conduct by Jews," Levinthal said. "They called it a Hillul Ha'Shem, literally 'a desecration of the Name.' Surely the leaders of that organization, with its high-sounding title, are guilty of desecrating the names of America and of Judaism."

He expressed the hope that Council members "may yet recognize the enormity of their offense, and may soon put an end to their pernicious activities."

He said "their American citizenship and their Jewish fellow-

ship call for no less."

Levinthal turned to a speech made in 1918 by the late David Werner Amram, a professor of law, to deal with charges by speakers from Council platforms of alleged dual loyalty in aiding Israel.

Commenting that "these bugaboos were neatly disposed of by Professor Amram," Levinthal quoted from the 1918 talk:

"Although political allegiance is indivisible and no man can be the citizen of more than one state, the bonds of fellowship created by family ties, by common religious traditions, by similar ideals of social justice, by a long history of common suffering, by united opposition to the pressure of foreign religious dogma, are in very truth existing bonds of union which no amount of protestation can banish."

"If the Jewish State is established, Jews everywhere will have the choice of staying or going. Those who stay will thereby demonstrate in a manner now impossible, if such demonstration be needed, that they do not wish to be counted as citizens of the Judean state, however they may sympathize with its creation and development, and that they are and will remain citizens of the land of their birth and adoption."



LEVINTHAL

## 4 New Reform Temples Planned In N.Y. Area

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Organizational meetings of four groups planning Reform congregations will be held this month in the New York area.

Residents of the Northern Westchester area will meet April 25 at the Chapel of our Redeemer, which was offered by the church for the meeting.

A meeting of residents of the Fresh Meadows, the new housing development of the New York Life Insurance Co. will be held at the Hillcrest Golf Club April 27 and a meeting of Laurelton residents will be held April 28.

Rabbi Albert G. Baum, director of New Congregations for the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, will meet a group of sponsors in Lakewood, N. J. soon for the same purpose.

## Ben-Gurion To Quit As Defense Minister

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—Premier David Ben-Gurion this week told a session of the Israeli Knesseth that he would resign as Minister of Defense after the conclusion of peace treaties with neighboring Arab states and as soon as the Army is reorganized on a peacetime basis.

Participating in a Knesseth discussion on the government-sponsored veterans rehabilitation bill, Ben Gurion said that since he was responsible for mobilization of Israel's troops he also wishes to be responsible for their demobilization.



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## Names In The News

### NO-MINIMUM DUES PROGRAM DOING FINE, SAYS RABBI

REPORTING to his congregation on the progress of a two-year-old policy of abolishing minimum dues, Rabbi **FERDINAND ISSERMAN** of Temple Israel in St. Louis said the congregation "now not only advocates democracy, but practices it." Under the plan, congregation members are asked to make their annual offering "in accordance with the promptings of their own hearts and the measure of God's blessing."



ISSERMAN

### New Ways for Old

**MAX LERNER**, who admits he was a Jew-come-lately under the impact of Israel's rebirth, will join the faculty of Brandeis University next fall as Professor of American Civilization and Institutions. Probably the best known Jewish liberal of the day, Lerner was on the faculty of Williams College, was editorial director of PM and the New York STAR and is a former editor of the NATION. Without fanfare a year ago, he joined the Labor Zionist Organization of America, his first specific membership in any Zionist group.

Her first permanent wave proved disconcerting to 19-year-old **SHULAMITH KRINSKY**, who showed her embarrassment in Omaha, to which she traveled as part of the United Jewish Appeal Caravan of Hope. Shulamith is Lt. Krinsky of the Israeli Army, its youngest officer. The permanent wave didn't seem to set well under her Haganah cap, she told a reporter for the Jewish PRESS.

A new car used to be the appropriate anniversary gift from a congregation to its rabbi. But that tradition is rapidly being replaced by one that is more traditional and more Jewish. Newest recipient is Rabbi **RALPH SIMON**, whose Congregation Rodfei

Zedek of Chicago is sending him to Israel on the occasion of his fifth anniversary in their pulpit.

### Tributes To Merit

Two U. S. Jews—**DAVID LILIENTHAL** and **ALBERT EINSTEIN**—have been named the "greatest" living Americans by ten University of Wisconsin faculty members polled by the student newspaper. They tied for first place and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt placed second.

Few present at the annual Congregational dinner this month of Temple Emanuel in Duluth were aware that **CHARLES ORECKOWSKY**, the president of the Temple Brotherhood, was attending his 43rd consecutive meeting. He joined the Temple in 1906 and has found plenty to do in Temple service since.

### Time and Place

Correct timing is the keynote in many competitive fields of endeavor and it is occasionally noteworthy in less typical situations. Rabbi **William F. Rosenblum** of New York and Rabbi **B. Benedict Glaser** of Detroit were in Steubenville, Ohio, to take part in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Temple Beth El of which Rabbi **HAROLD WAINTRUP** is spiritual leader. Mrs. Waintrup helped to celebrate the anniversary by giving birth to a six-pound, 12-ounce girl, Debra. Rabbi Waintrup took part in the Friday night service but missed the Saturday morning services.

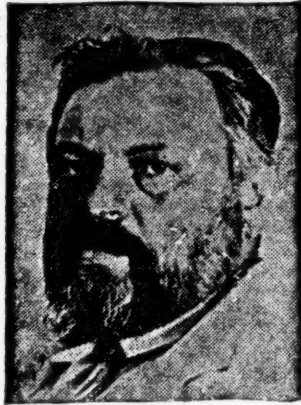
### With the Rabbis

Marriages—**Jeremy Newman**, son of Rabbi and Mrs. **LOUIS I. NEWMAN** of Rodelph Sholom, to Miss Anne Buchen.

Engagements—**Gloria Grace Seidel** of New York, to Rabbi **JORDAN IRVING TAXON** of Cranford, N. J., where he is spiritual leader of Temple Beth El.

Births—**Sharon May Gerber**, a second daughter, to Rabbi and Mrs. **ISRAEL J. GERBER** of Congregation Agudas Achim, Fitch-

## Mizrachi Leader Dead



RABBI MEIR BERLIN

### World Mizrachi Head Dies In Israel

JERUSALEM—Rabbi Meir Berlin, president of the World Mizrachi Union Organization of Religious Zionists and one-time president of Yeshiva University in New York, died here this week of a heart attack at 68.

A member of the Joint Distribution Committee, he had lived in Jerusalem for the past 25 years. Born in Russia, he was the son of a rabbi.

He had been a member of the executive committee of the World Mizrachi Organization since 1911 and its president since 1931. He was president of the first Mizrachi World Conference at Amsterdam in 1918 and vice president of all World Zionist Congresses held since 1921.

burg, Mass.

New Pulpits—Rabbi **SAMUEL SOSKIN** formerly of Congregation Beth El of Fort Worth, Tex., elected to pulpit of Temple Beth Emeth of Flatbush, succeeding Rabbi Joseph Klein, now at Worcester, Mass.

Rabbi **SAMUEL SHERMAN**, from Temple Emanuel in Newton, Mass to a new pulpit in New York in June.

Honors—To Rabbi **JOSEPH H. PAYMER**, a life-time contract on his 35th year in the ministry and his Congregation Ahavath (Brooklyn) Achim's 80th anniversary, both to be celebrated at services, April 29.

### KROLOFF HEADS AZA FETE

WASHINGTON—Max N. Kroloff of Atlanta was named chairman this week of the 25th anniversary observance of Aleph Zadik Aleph of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

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## ORTHODOX GROUP PLANS U.S. CHECK OF ENDORSEMENT OF KOSHER PRODUCTS

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Sabbath Observance Council announced plans this week for a widespread investigation of endorsements of all kosher products.

Rabbi **Irving Kurtz**, administrative director of the ultra-Orthodox group, said the investigation will be handled by a newly-organized Poale Agudath Harabonim (Rabbinical Labor Federation).

No date was announced for start of the probe, which Rabbi Kurtz said will open in New York.

## The Record Rack

### TUCKER'S 'CANTORIAL JEWELS' SUPERB BUT LACKING TRADITION

*Cantorial Jewels Six Greatest Hebrew Prayers Sung by Richard Tucker, with Orchestra Directed by Sholom Secunda. Three 12-inch records, Columbia \$3.50.*

A companion piece in any collector's home to "Festival Gems," the RCA album sung by Cantor Moshe Kusevitzky and reviewed here earlier in the month, "Cantorial Jewels" gives Metropolitan Opera star Richard Tucker a chance to doff stage garments for those of the synagogue and give a masterly musical treatment to "Kidush," "Havdoloh," "Tzadik Adoshem," "Ki K' Schimcho," "Yehi Rotzon," and "Yir'u Eineinu."

The six traditional prayers, excellently and dramatically arranged by Secunda, are sung with authority and great assurance. Tucker's voice caresses the Biblical phrases, and he sings nearly all six directly from the diaphragm, with full voice, rather than with intonation, the common equipment of the cantor. But are these cantorial chants or are they the prayers in the synagogue?

Tucker leaves very little to be desired. One does have the feeling while he sings what the

synagogue is having a struggle with the theater for dominance. The Chassidic sorrow which drips from his voice reminds one not so much of an Old World woodcut in a book of Jewish lore as of an opera star trying not to sing a venerable prayer in the manner of an aria.

Of course, for purists this, it is a fault, can be laid to Secunda's exceptionally clever setting designed to cling and mould to Tucker's voice. Some may, however, desire less voice and more tradition.

Be that as it may, Cantorial Jewels will be a welcome addition to our library. Tucker's voice really gets better as it goes along, and you may be surprised to hear how glamorous the ordinarily minor chromatic chant can be when dressed up and put in a show case.

The recording is better than that given Kusevitzky, although at times the orchestra tends to distort.—J.G.

## JEWISH WOMENS COUNCIL PLANS U.S. EDUCATION AID FOR ISRAEL

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The National Council of Jewish Women announced this week that it will sponsor a "Conference on the Critical Problems of Education in Israel" Sunday, April 24.

The conference marked a major shift in orientation for the women's group, which has devoted itself in the past almost entirely to American Jewish activities.

Mrs. Joseph M. Welt of Detroit, national president, said

leading American educators will take part in the conference, which she said represents "the first organized effort to gain the cooperation and guidance of American educational leaders in evaluating and meeting the urgent challenges to education in Israel."

She said topics slated for discussion at the conference include: universal, compulsory and free education; the need for continued Diaspora support of education in Israel; state and party in education; cultural absorption of newcomers; minority education in Israel; educational ties between Israel and world Jewry and education for One World.

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## Women's Viewpoint

### WELL, WELL; JEWISH CUSTOM APPROVES USE OF COSMETICS

By HELEN COHEN

USED to think that the widespread use of cosmetics was a modern practice which proved that our civilization was definitely degenerating. I felt that in earlier, happier days, women came naturally by the rosy cheeks and lips that we try so diligently to imitate today.

But I now have proof that a bit of artifice has been needed in many another age. For instance, in "Book of Books" Rabbi Solomon Goldman describes the situation 2,000 years ago:

"They even tampered with the truth, encouraging the guests to sing at the wedding of one not too well favored, 'no paint, no rouge, a gazelle is our bride.' Emulating Ezra, whom they credited with calling into existence the peddler of cosmetics and ornaments, they urged parents to heighten the beauty of their daughters, and made an undue limitation of a wife's toilette sufficient grounds for divorce."



AND IN THE JEWISH CHRONICLE of London, we find this question and answer:

Did the Rabbis permit cosmetics?

Yes, they did. Maimonides sums up the question by saying, "And so it is obligatory for a Jewish husband to provide his wife with beautifying objects, for example, colored kerchiefs to wear on her head and over her forehead, with henna and rouge and with similar things so that she remain attractive."

If that's the way men feel about it, get on the rouge and the hair rollers, get out the perfume and the pearls and the powder puffs. If they want to be fooled, why should we deprive them of a little pleasure in this not altogether pleasant world?

And the nicest part about it all is that while we're busy beguiling the menfolk, we do a good job of fooling our own sweet selves.

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A CERTAIN editor I know has been encouraging the men to take a trip to Israel, using the excuse that seeing the wonderful accomplishments there will spur the men on to greater fervor for the cause.

I think we women had better get together to put a damper on the unbridled enthusiasm of our menfolk. As far as I'm concerned, that editor's logic is indefensible. Let the men satisfy their curiosity vicariously. There are plenty of good films and books on Israel for them to observe and study.

Israel doesn't need tourists this summer. She's filled to the rafters as it is with bona fide immigrants sleeping on bare ground.

And even more to the point, the thousands of dollars spent on the trip would be much better channelled into food and shelter and medicine for the new citizens of Israel.

But ladies, if you want a clincher for your battle of wits, tell your man that if he thinks a trip there will be advantageous, you'll be glad to represent the family while he plays nursemaid to the children. After all, the Israeli women will think it passing strange that only men come over to be inspired when women were just as much responsible for the finished product to be visited.

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COMMENTING on our piece about equality not being synonymous with competing with men, Paul Matkin, 5878 Ralston Drive, Indianapolis, writes:

"Down through the ages, men and women have been working together, like the two different halves of the simple hinge on the door, each doing his or her part, but neither duplicating the other; one just as important to the right useful activity as the other."

"It seems to me, that had I been born a woman, I would want to try to be the expression of the fine, noble and good qualities of womanhood, and God knows they are many, and far more often seem to be brought out here humanly..."

In connection with this discussion we point out that those Orthodox leaders, who have broken lances with Dr. Mordecai Kaplan and other reformers, on traditional Judaism's attitude toward women, had a powerful weapon at their fingertips and didn't think to use it.

The traditionalists, in their declaration that Judaism has always held women in high esteem, could have pointed to the Fifth Commandment—Honor thy father and thy mother.

How could a nation which demanded equal reverence and respect for its mother, regard her as an inferior human being?

### ARAB GANGS PLANNING TO SELL STOLEN TORAH SCROLLS IN U.S.

JERUSALEM—Arab gangs in the old city of Jerusalem have looted two ancient Torah scrolls from the Churvah Synagogue and now seek to smuggle them to the U. S. for sale to the highest bidder, the Mizrahi (religious Zionists) news bureau reported this week.

According to a World Mizrahi report, one U. S. Jewish body has already offered about \$40,000 for the scrolls.

The MNB also reported that the Arab smugglers intend to offer the scrolls to Temple Emanu-El in New York, one of the largest reform temples in the U.S.

The Mizrahi report said the scrolls are now buried somewhere in the old city and the Arab looters have shrouded their plans in secrecy to prevent arrest and punishment. The Mizrahi report said that the scrolls were expected to be sent to the U.S. in less than a month.

## YOUR NAME

● Conducted By N. Pearlroth

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

### Lipkin Savitzky

● Helen Kotzen, 35 Scott St., Riverside, N. J., writes:

I should like to know the meaning of my maiden name which was Lipkin. My father was born in Lithuania.

Lipkin is a family name taken from the Hebrew name Eliezer. Boys named Eliezer were frequently given a second name which was known as the "calling name" for everyday usage.

The "calling name" for Eliezer was Lipa or Lapman. The termination "kin" is Russian and means "a descendant of," so that Lipkin means "a descendant of Lipa or Eliezer."

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● Mrs. S. Savitzky, 47 N. Lorel Ave., Chicago, writes:

I would like to know the origin of my marriage name "Savitzky." The name comes from Slonim, Russia.

Savitzky, originally Swaicki, is a family name of geographical origin. It was taken from the name of a locality called Sawicze. There are three localities of that name within a three-mile radius of Slonim and it is from one of them that your husband's name is derived.

## Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, April 24 — "Out of Darkness," an original radio dramatization by Morton Wishengrad, commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Chaim Yassky, director of Hadassah Hospital, on the "Eternal Light" program 12:30 p.m. EST, NBC.

SUNDAY, April 24—Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman, spiritual leader of Temple Israel of St. Louis, in the last of a series of four talks, "The Lord is My Shepherd," on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

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## What Foods These Morsels Be

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DRESSING up left-over meat is a common problem. We suggest this week three variations using cooked meat.

### CASSEROLE OF MEAT AND RICE

2 cups cooked meat, cut in ½-inch cubes	1 salt and pepper
2 cups soup stock	1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
1 cup stewed tomatoes	2 tbsp. fat
2 medium onions, shredded	½ cup uncooked rice

Place meat cubes in pot, add soup stock, tomatoes, one of the onions, salt and pepper and Sauce. Bring to boiling point, let simmer 10 minutes. Heat fat in frying pan, add the other onion and the uncooked rice, let brown slightly. Add browned onion and rice to meat mixture, turn all into a greased casserole, and let bake at 375 degrees 40 minutes or until rice is tender.

### CASSEROLE OF MEAT AND VEGETABLES

2 tbsps. fat	1 cup soup stock or gravy
1 onion, sliced	1 cup cooked rice
½ cup cooked carrots, diced	1 cup stewed tomatoes
¼ cup diced celery	1 salt and pepper
1½ cups cooked meat, cut in ½-inch cubes	2 tbsp. chopped parsley

Heat fat in frying pan, add onion slices and let brown. Add remaining ingredients, mix well, turn into a greased casserole, and let bake at 425 degrees 15 minutes or until mixture bubbles.

### STUFFED GREEN PEPPERS

6 green peppers	¾ cup soft bread crumbs or cooked rice
1½ cups ground cooked meat	1 egg, if desired
1 salt and pepper	1 tbsp. melted fat
	½ onion, chopped fine

Cut off stem end of peppers, and remove inner fibers and seeds. Scald peppers in boiling water for 3 or 4 minutes, and drain. Combine remaining ingredients, and fill peppers with the mixture. Place peppers upright in a greased pan, and bake in oven at 350 degrees until peppers are tender and meat is browned. Baste occasionally with melted fat diluted with 3 or 4 parts hot water.

### Recipe of the Week

Here are two recipes which I think fit the title of this department:

#### RUSSIAN CHEESE CAKES

Rub one pound of cottage cheese through a sieve. Add the grated rind of one lemon, half a teaspoon of salt, one tablespoon of flour and two eggs, well beaten. Blend all ingredients thoroughly, shape into small cakes and fry on hot griddle. Serve hot with powdered sugar and cherry jam.

#### PANCAKES—A SPREAD

Make thin pancakes, spread half of each one with finely chopped cucumbers, seasoned with salt and pepper and sauted for 3 minutes in fat. Fold over remaining half pancake, pressing the sides together. Serve with cottage cheese or sour cream of room temperature.

Mrs. Sam Rubin,  
6267 Mt. Clemens,  
St. Louis (5), Mo.

### Memorandum

This food corner doesn't claim to be all-knowing. One of our readers, Mrs. S. Norris, 35 Catherine Street, Rochester, N. Y., wrote in too late for us to ask your help on two recipes, Passover Carrot Candy and Ingbars. Perhaps you can help her for next year's Passover celebration.

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## CALENDAR

Lag B'Omer ----- Tues., May 17  
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## The Editor's Chair

IN CONNECTION WITH the little piece in "Names in the News" this week about Rabbi Isserman's experiment with abolition of minimum dues, which this paper has been advocating for some time, I was and am disturbed by the cost involved in participating in so many congregational functions. At the moment I am looking at an announcement of an annual seder—the price is \$6.50 per plate. For a young couple that is \$13 for the evening.

I am willing to admit that the Temple involved is not looking to make a profit off of the affair, but that still doesn't make it any easier for the young couple who would like to participate but whose budget just doesn't allow such expenditures. Just what the answer is I don't know; but I do know many young intellectuals who are alienated from their religion by the dollar tag on it.

IT IS NO LONGER any secret about the serious condition of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and you learned that he was in the hospital two weeks ago (NJP April 8). But I'm a little put out by people at the Free Synagogue, who if they have no respect for the press, should have some respect for truth.

When we got the tip about Dr. Wise (from two separate sources) I first thought I would call Shad Polier, his son-in-law, but then I decided that I would get the true facts just as quickly from the Free Synagogue.

I called the Free Synagogue and was pooh poohed: Dr. Wise went to the hospital for a rest only.

FOR MANY REASONS William Rosenwald and this paper never seem to have "hit it off" as the slang expression goes. Mr. Rosenwald as you know, has been active as a vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for years, and has done his most important work as president of the United Service for New Americans, an agency which has rarely been criticized.

But just how far back Mr. Rosenwald's helpfulness to Jewish causes goes was unknown to me until at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds where it was revealed that he had put up \$25,000 a year for the first few years of that organization's life to give it funds with which to get under way.

I've had several runs-in with Mr. Rosenwald, the last of which was only several months ago—but I'll make a prediction for the record; We'll end up being good friends, that is as good as differences of time and space and a few dollars permit.

## TUVIM GETS NEW POST

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Abe Tuvim, executive director of the American Zionist Emergency Council, was named to the same post in the Israel Organization of America.

## ZOA Foes To Run 'Caretaker' Agency

NEW YORK—Appointment of a four-man "caretaker executive" to handle affairs of the American section of the Jewish Agency during the meeting of the World Zionist Actions Committee was announced this week.

Members of the group, who will be in charge while the Agency executive goes to Jerusalem for the Actions Committee meeting starting May 3, were drawn from the ranks of the groups that combined to unseat the present administration of the Zionist Organization of America from power in U. S. fund-raising for Israel.

They included Mrs. Judith Epstein, former president of Hadasah; Prof. Chaim Fineman, former chairman of the Labor Zionist Organization of America; Judge Morris Rothenberg, acting chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, once controlled by the ZOA; and Robert Szold, former ZOA president and a leading member of the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism.

## Kansas Rabbi Raps UJA Work On Sabbath

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Rabbi Tibor H. Stern, speaking for the Orthodox Rabbinate of Kansas City, severely condemned the Jewish Federation of Kansas City and the United Jewish Appeal this week for activity on the Sabbath.

"The religious Jews of our community will not tolerate that the offices of the Federation and the UJA shall be open on Sabbath," Rabbi Stern said in the current issue of the Jewish GUIDE, published by the Federated Orthodox Congregations of Kansas City.

He added that "we cannot keep silent over the outrageous fact that at the campaign dinners and meetings, non-kosher food is served. By serving non-kosher foods the Jewish Federation is publicly violating the very foundation of Judaism."

He appealed to the president and board of directors, of which he is a member, to end the two violations immediately.

## Israel Celebrates First Passover

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—For the first time in nearly 1,900 years, Jews in Israel celebrated Passover in their own independent country. Throughout Israel, tens of thousands of Jews made the traditional Seder service joyous celebrations.

Heavy rains which had fallen all over the country ceased toward evening as the holiday started and the weather became clear, but cold. In this city thousands of Israeli soldiers on leave were guests in private homes. The Histadrut held a giant Seder service in Tel Aviv's largest theater with several members of the Cabinet and the Knesseth in attendance.

## Jewish Education Ass'n. Slates May 26 Meet

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Leading figures in the educational world will address principal sessions of the annual meeting of the American Association for Jewish Education in Atlantic City May 26-30, it was announced this week.

The meeting is being held jointly with meetings of the National Council for Jewish Education and the National Federation of Hebrew Teachers.

## Abolish The "Proxy" System At ZOA Conventions

WHILE much maneuvering is going on in connection with candidates for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, little is known or has been said about the vicious system of "proxies" by which the election under certain conditions can be almost controlled, or if not controlled, affected in such a way as to controvert the will of the majority of delegates.

Under this time-honored tradition, the party in power is enabled to retain control and can be unseated only by an upheaval.

The technique is simple. Simple and vicious. When a district in California advises the national ZOA office that it will not have any representation at the national convention, then a proxy or proxies, depending on the number of delegates to which the district is entitled, is named by the ZOA administration. The proxy is on paper supposed to represent the district, but in practice it does not.

The upshot is a bloc voting exactly as the administration desires, all members voting almost in concert on every question.

This system obviously defeats the purpose of the convention. The delegates may think they are voting on issues and men to express the will of the membership but often because of these proxies, the delegates are merely taking part in a sham ceremony.

Just how many proxies there will be in any year cannot be determined until just before the convention but that there will always be a large number is definite.

What should be done is obvious. The system of proxies should be abolished, now, before the convention. Such action would do as much as anything else to restore confidence in the present administration and lend weight to its contention that it is keeping a "hands-off" policy in the present race for the next president of the ZOA.

## The Synagogue Council Overreached Itself

THE POST will no doubt be criticized for its mild stand on the problem of the Arab DPs and it does not want to go farther than it did in its editorial of April 8. Yet a statement on the issue from Dr. Robert Gordis as president of the Synagogue Council of America requires additional discussion of the problem.

Dr. Gordis upholds the position taken by Israel in minutest detail and repeats the offer made by Israel for an exchange of populations with the Arab state, as if that proposed exchange was in fact an exchange.

The Synagogue Council is not a state, taking positions in the political world, for reasons of diplomacy and politics. It is the official body of Judaism in the United States.

But let us, nevertheless, take a look at the proposal. In order to make an exchange, you offer something you have to someone who wants it in exchange for something he has that you want. This is an exchange.

Is that involved in proposals to exchange the Arab DPs for Jews in the Moslem lands? It is not. Neither the Arab states nor Israel wants

the Arab DPs. Israel wants the Jews, and if Arab nations do not want them, they seem to want at least their property.

If the Arab nations did not want the Jews living among them and would permit them to migrate to Israel, there would still be no exchange.

The Post is not unaware of what is involved, in view of the many primary tasks facing Israel. But it is not Jewish ethics to conveniently overlook the fact—which Dr. Gordis' statement does overlook—that in a good many instances the Arabs who fled did so because they feared, however unjustifiably, for their lives at the hands of the Israeli. The Deir Yassin massacre of Arabs by the Irgun certainly did not calm those fears.

In its April 8 editorial, The Post hinted that perhaps the position of Israel today was in part dictated by diplomatic reasons; Israel hopes to be in a better bargaining position at the peace table. If that is so, then the Synagogue Council of America, as the spokesman for Judaism in the U. S., might better have left unissued its recent statement.

## Did The National Council Of Jewish Women Miss?

THERE can be no objections whatever to the conference of the National Council of Jewish Women on the "Critical Problems of Education in Israel" next Sunday in New York. The fact that the group has included Israel in its scope of activities is certainly commendable.

For some time, in a good many communities, the organization has been a sort of foil to Hadasah, with the Council of Jewish Women concentrating its efforts on the American scene and Hadasah, of course, on Israel. For the NCJW was a "Reform" women's group and the Hadasah the Conservative Women's Group. These lines of demarcation were not true in every community, but generally that was the pattern.

With the NCJW having taken on as one of its main projects sponsorship of the Department of Education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it becomes only logical that it would seek to bring the best brains of the U. S. and elsewhere to solution of the many problems of

education in Israel.

But it seems sort of ironic, too. Jewish education in the U. S. is not in the best of condition. It too needs a splendid organization like the National Council of Jewish Women to help out in areas where the other agencies are not now operating.

There is a particular need now for a sponsoring group in adult Jewish education. The existence of the need has been recognized for years. B'nai B'rith has made sporadic attempts to do something, as have other agencies.

But there is a new factor which was not present when these earlier abortive efforts were made. The time is ripe now for fruitful efforts in that direction. Elliot Cohen's observation that he knows of four groups of Jewish intellectuals studying Judaism and Jewish theology is not an isolated incident.

A full-scale and intelligent program for adult Jewish education in the U. S. would sweep the country today.

Who will sponsor it?

## Israel Anniversary Celebration Belongs To The Synagogue

THE celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of Israel will be incorporated into Jewish tradition in time as have other important Jewish dates, and it will become a religious holiday as is Jewish custom.

But the celebrations in the United States this year will be almost entirely secular, unfortunately. This should not have been, and a rabbinic little more alert would have pointed out to the national organizations involved that this celebration belongs to the synagogue.

Services the Friday evening preceding May 4 will not suffice.

When the editor of this paper suggested at

his own Zionist board meeting that the celebration start with services at all or one of the synagogues, one of the two rabbis present maintained a golden silence, while the other whispered in our ear that a rabbi would deliver the invocation. Thus was religion by-passed.

Whether for prayer of thanksgiving or for prayer for relief from troubles, the synagogue and not the Jewish Center or the public auditorium is the place where Jews should congregate. The synagogue need not be only a place to shun on Friday nights; it can and must become the meeting place for Jews on all significant occasions.



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### SMALL TOWN SPOKESMAN BELIEVES NEW YORKERS LAG IN UJA SUPPORT

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

It is quite interesting to read the excerpts (or Digest as you so well put it) from the Yiddish Press, by Rabbi Samuel Silver. I note that the Jewish DAY complimented the Garment Workers of New York for donating a half day's pay to the United Jewish Appeal. I presume it would amount to \$10 or \$15 for the average worker. I wonder if the DAY or any other paper has complimented the average Jew who lives outside New York, in a small community where there are one hundred Jewish families, more or less. In our community, where we have about 125 Jewish families (including some students at the University of Connecticut) and some farmers in surrounding territory, we were given, two years ago, a quota of \$50,000. The local directors of the appeal mean well, but in their zealous attempt to meet the quota they stop at nothing, including insult, to try to get the maximum out of each contributor. Nobody is missed—in a small community you are not overlooked. Bad feelings (which we can ill afford) have been created because contributors have been insulted in an attempt to get more of a contribution out of them. I know of a man in our town who contributed \$50 (he earned less than \$100 a week) and it was at first turned down—they reluctantly accepted—after much bad feelings had been created. Is that the policy of the drive? I doubt it.

Living not too far from New York, we meet many, many New Yorkers that come here, or when we go there. I am vitally interested in the Synagogue, Talmud Torah, Hadassah, Sisterhood and all Jewish causes. I make it my business to learn their affiliations. I am very disappointed in many New Yorkers. Many, whom I know to be very well-to-do, contribute nothing at all to the UJA, and when I look appalled, they say, "nobody ever bothered us." It is easier to send an organizer

from headquarters into a small community such as ours, where every Jew is known (XRay pictures seem available of his pocket-book), pick a chairman, give a quota, and wait for results. Does the largest Jewish community in the world do their part? True, the figures for New York are large because some very wealthy people make very large contributions. But what is the figures on the number of contributors? Not only do I find a lack of interest for the UJA among many Jewish New Yorkers, but they feel the same way towards a synagogue, Jewish education, etc., etc. Many answer they belong to "societies," receive benefits and a burial plot and are all set for life and death. I appreciate it would be a tremendous task to contact all Jews in New York, but it seems a better job could be done.

I have also read in your paper about the Women's Division of the UJA. About a year ago a representative came out from headquarters and asked us to do likewise but we did not do it. I myself am against it. I am an ardent Hadassah worker. I contribute as much as I can to Hadassah and the Sisterhood (women's causes). My husband is the breadwinner in our family. When he contributes to the UJA, it is not just "his" contribution but "ours"—his AND mine. I know the idea is to get more money. If the average women had an extra income, it would be different, but where there is one, I think that family should give as a unit.

We American Jews must create better feeling among ourselves—and working for others less fortunate than we should not be a source of keeping us further apart. In building up the morale of the Jews in other countries, let us not break down the morale in our own.

(MRS. H. L.) ROSE W.

SHERMAN

Willimantic, Conn.

### DETROIT READER RESENTS NJP STORIES ON KOSHER MEAT SITUATION, ELATH

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your paper has been called to my attention about several Detroit items which I resent being published.

The butcher squabble with the Community Council—surely that can be ironed out if some crackpot who no doubt gets a few cents from you for covering the Detroit scene would put on some clear glasses and find a few nice things to write home about. I assume he or she is a "New Yorker."

The Zionist Council affair is indeed "personal" and should be treated in that manner. Are you running a scandal sheet or a newspaper? If you are running the former, please stop bragging about being a National Jewish Post—and misleading people into believing the Jewish communities in the United States are chuckful of indecent people—instead of its being just your representative.

MARY JONES

Detroit

Ed. Note: Regular Post readers know that The Post has long since left to history the decision as to whether this publication is a scandal sheet or a newspaper. But we would like to call to Reader Jones' attention that the

### Questions Baltimore Rabbi Certification

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I had a laugh from one of the articles in the April 1 National Jewish Post. Perhaps many readers would like to share it with me.

I congratulate Rabbi Nathan Drazin for the excellent job he is doing in Baltimore concerning Passover food. The article states that if he finds the name of the rabbi giving the Hechsher in the list of those belonging to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, then it's OK. Otherwise they are investigated.

Rabbi Drazin, don't you think that even some of the rabbis who belong to the Agudas Harabonim should also be investigated?

I know quite a few who are hiding behind this cloak of membership and doing things which are no credit to our people. Do you not believe in the rule, KADENU VECASHDEHU?

P. BASCHEFSKY

New York

### SOS Terminated; Europe Job Done

NEW YORK — (JTA) — The Joint Distribution Committee announced this week that its SOS (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) Collection has been terminated because the J.D.C.'s task of assistance to Europe's Jews has "shifted from relief to reconstruction and emigration." The announcement was made at a J.D.C. meeting at the Hotel Commodore here, attended by 200 community SOS leaders from all parts of the country.

In the more than three years of its existence—from January, 1946, to April, 1949—the SOS Collection raised approximately 26,000,000 pounds of relief supplies over and above American Jewry's contribution to the United Jewish Appeal.

### FBI Reported In Israel Arms Probe

National Jewish Post  
PHILADELPHIA—FBI agents have been investigating local concerns suspected of supplying the Israeli army with arms or materials of war.

This was revealed on April 15 in an exclusive story in the Philadelphia Jewish TIMES.

The story also said that some veterans of the Palestinian conflict have been questioned on their part in the hostilities and the manner in which they reached the battlefield from this country.

According to the TIMES story, the FBI inquirers are believed to be confined to determining whether any violations of the neutrality laws had been committed or whether any laws had been broken in obtaining passports.

### DEWEY STONE NOT BOSTONIAN, SAYS BROCKTON RABBI FOR RECORD

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Just to point up the old adage about New England provincialism, may I, in good Chamber of Commerce fashion, suggest a slight correction for your use in future issues?

Namely, that Dewey Stone, the subject of so much lineage in The National Jewish Post of April 15, is not exactly a prominent "Boston Zionist leader."

Undoubtedly, Dewey is well-known in the Hub City but his home is here in Brockton, some 20 miles distant, and I think no one would deny that he is the outstanding leader of our Jewish community of nearly 3,000 persons, as well as a leading citizen of our city of 65,000.

Brockton is proud of the honor that has come to the Honorary

President of its Zionist district, and wishes him well now that his name has been suggested for the presidency of the ZOA. His interest in every phase of Jewish life, whether concerning Israel, Judaism, Jewish philanthropy or Jewish education, is phenomenal and intense, and he richly deserves the spotlight which has now been turned in his direction.

So, if residents of Yonkers are not New Yorkers, and if residents of Oakland are not San Franciscans, please let Dewey continue to be, not a Bostonian, but one of our own beloved Brocktonians.

Thanks a lot for catering to our local pride.

H. BRUCE EHRMANN

Rabbi, Congregation Israel Brockton, Mass.

### NEW READER HITS EMPHASIS ON CONTROVERSIAL NEWS COVERAGE

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

As a comparatively new reader of The Post, my views on your paper may be of interest.

I am surprised at the amount of space given to Zionist political news. I think there is more news of this sort than reader interest justifies, although I am not myself an enrolled Zionist.

Compared to some of the other papers I have seen, The Post news coverage is amazing, especially in some of the local news reporting. But I also get the feeling that news is being covered by you in a very jumpy fashion. A story will make a splurge for one or two weeks and then there is nothing more from that quarter.

I am not referring to stories which come to an end and that's all there is to it. I mean stories on which something more obviously is or will happen—but apparently not in The Post.

I guess I am not the first reader to comment on the emphasis on the controversial and the destructive which is consistently found in The Post. This evidently is a definite policy, since I am pretty sure there are important national stories developing which are not of the bam-bam nature and which you prefer not to use.

I do not wish to tell you how to run your paper but I would hesitate to tell my children—who at this time are a little too young to read The Post—that what they would find in it is a

rounded, clear and full report on Jewish life in America. I don't think The Post is giving such a report now.

For myself I would also like to see a good Hollywood, Broadway and sports column. I have read the syndicated features and if you refuse to carry them because they aren't very good, I agree with your judgement.

I do not want you to feel that I am not appreciative of The Post. It was from the Post that I learned—though I have been actively associating with Jews most of my life—that there is such a thing as an allocations committee and that it is an important part of the Jewish communal machinery.

I presume it is for good reasons that I had not been told before about this machinery for deciding which institutions will get funds and which will not.

I suppose that this sort of thing is a response to the fact that too many Jews—myself included—let other people run our Jewish affairs for us. I don't know whether it is too late now but perhaps some day I may be able to take some action. When I am ready, I think I will owe The Post some thanks for education I could get nowhere else.

But this does not change my mind about the overemphasis on destructive news. What sort of orders do you give your correspondents?

LOU ROVNER

Minneapolis.

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## Jews In Sports

### PROTESTS MADE AGAINST HOLDING HOLMAN DINNER AT TOOTS SHOR'S

By HASKELL COHEN

**I**OU EISENSTEIN is probably the busiest hoop official in the East. His season is not over and already he has traveled 90,000 miles to work ball games. In all that time he has been in perfect shape with only two colds to hamper him during the long season. After a rest of a few months Lou goes back to work in the Borscht Circuit, handling all the tough inter-mountain resort games.



ings in Shors but it seems to us that a send-off of this nature could very well have been held in one of our higher class Jewish restaurants in New York City. Why must the Jewish sport folk take their affairs to Shor's or Leone's when such sport lovers in the restaurant field as Lou Siegel and Phil Gluckstern have excellent eateries, capable of handling affairs of this nature. Many who were invited to the Holman affair protested against the site of the dinner to this corner. Tell it to the judge, folks.

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**D**ICK Elkind, promising young catcher from City College, has decided to forgo his last year of college competition to sign a bonus contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Dick batted .348 with the Beavers last spring. Coach Sol Mishkin of the City nine feels that the boy is making a mistake not finishing his college career. Observers feel that Elkind has the savvy and fielding ability to make the grade but doubt that he can hit with the vigor expected of top-notch maskmen.

Hilly Shapiro, star on the City hoop squad, is belting the ball at a rapid clip and is another who looms as potential big league baseball material. Hilly plays the outfield but is adept at second and shortstop.

★ ★ ★

**N**AT HOLMAN will lecture on basketball for the Arabs during his current visit to Israel. As a good will gesture the famous hoop mentor is giving clinics for the former enemy.

Prior to departing for Israel Holman was accorded a dinner by the Israel Committee on Sports, headed by Judge Samuel Leibowitz. The dinner was held at the restaurant of Toots Shor. We hold no brief against meet-

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With Sid Tanenbaum gone and Irv Rothenberg on the way out it appears likely that

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### Milton Center Officials Fight Permit Ban

National Jewish Post

MILTON, Mass.—Officials of the new Hebrew Center here said this week they planned to go ahead with plans for construction of the building in the expectation that a building permit will be reinstated.

The permit for the Center had been suddenly revoked as cement was being poured for foundations, leading to widespread protests and threat of a lawsuit by Center officials against the revocation. (NJP April 1).

A public meeting to appeal against the revocation drew 1,000 persons in the town hall. Leading the fight was Rabbi Herman H. Rabinowitz, president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Boston.

He said the center would be used as a place of worship. Milton officials said the permit was revoked because the area was zoned only for houses of worship and they believed that the Center would be a social hall.

### 60th CCAR Conclave Set For June 23

HARTFORD, Conn.—(NJP)—The 60th annual convention of the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis will be held in Bretton Woods, N.H. June 23-28, President Abraham J. Feldman announced this week.

Rabbi Harry Essrig, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel of Grand Rapids, Mich., will speak on "Jewish Liberalism in the World of Tomorrow," as one of the highlights of the convention.

Dr. Samuel Goldenson, a past president of the CCAR and rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El of New York, will speak on "What Have We Accomplished Spiritually Since 1889."

the Knicks will start their next season without a Jewish ball player on the squad. Sounds like financial suicide in New York City where ninety per cent of the sports lovers who pay the freight at the gate are of Hebraic extraction.

What New York City College hoop star is rumored to have made so much money in "dumping" basketball games that he has bought himself an apartment house? Sounds fantastic but the bookies in Brownsville swear it's true.

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### U. S. Jewish Life Endangered

### Jewish Leaders Warn UJA Drives Impoverishing U.S. Jewish Life

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The mounting financial crisis in American Jewish education created by U. S. Jewish concentration on fund-raising for overseas needs finally brought a sharp warning this week from Orthodox and Reform leaders that aid to U. S. Jewish institutions could not be postponed much longer without inviting catastrophe.

Only desperate circumstances observers agreed, could have forced American Jewish leaders to raise any question about the 10-year trend that has funneled American Jewish fund-raising almost entirely to Europe and Israel.

The Orthodox spokesman was Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, who warned that United Jewish Appeal contributions should not be "at the expense of our educational institutions in the United States."



BELKIN

A much sharper challenge was flung out by Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, president of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who warned that unless U. S. Jews awaken to their own needs, "we may be destroying the very soul and heart—and in time the body, too—of American Jewry in the process of saving Jews elsewhere."

News Was A Shock

Rabbi Harry Essrig, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel in Grand Rapids, Mich., told his congregation that it was "a shock to receive the news that the Hebrew Union College and the UAHC are in the red, that these two mother institutions of our movement have been compelled to borrow money in order to meet current expenses."

Rabbi Louis Wolsey of Philadelphia told the Southeastern regional convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods that "overemphasis" on financial aid for Jews abroad was "starving out" the institutions of American Jewry.

Commenting editorially, the Jewish LEDGER of Rochester, N. Y., said "this may be the wrong time to make such statements when the UJA is sending out a caravan of hope and the need in Israel and Europe is so pressing."

"But it is no secret that the drives for home projects are being bogged down by the great pressure for outside needs," the weekly added.

It concluded with the suggestion that no projects should be started "which need large financing when this is really the critical year for Israel." The newspaper argued that "another year won't make too much difference to American institutions."

Dr. Belkin, speaking at the Hotel Astor here, condemned proposals for a "five year moratorium for Jewish educational institutions . . . (to) . . . devote more of our time and money for the upbuilding of Israel."

He said such an act would

mean catastrophe and in the long run would represent a disservice to Israel, which he said would be dependent on the well-being of the U. S. Jewish community for a long time.

Not Very Much

Eisendrath, in an article in LIBERAL JUDAISM, official publication of the UAHC, said that only four-tenths of one per cent of the money raised by American Jewish Welfare funds is allocated for religious, cultural and educational purposes in U. S. Jewish life.

None of those speaking on behalf of greater aid to U. S. Jewish institutions tackled directly the problem of what yardstick was to be applied to determine what portion of fund-raising should be focussed on domestic Jewish needs.

However, Dr. Eisendrath hinted that the answer might be found in examining alleged wastes involved in allocations of United Jewish Appeal funds to U. S. national Jewish agencies.

"Many an individual, convinced that every penny which he is contributing is for the actual relief of physical anguish overseas, seems to be totally unaware that a fair amount of what he gives is being spent right here at home," he declared.

"But it is not spent for the education of the rabbis whom the Jewish community cannot do without and who have done the most outstanding piece of 'defense' or 'public relations' work," he said.

Where Does It Go?

"Nor is it spent to educate our children in the lofty tradition of Judaism which, far more than all the civic protective programs combined, will really make our sons and daughters spiritually at home in America and spare them the schizophrenic antics of too many of our paranoid brethren who constantly see the anti-Semite lurking under every bed."

He charged that a good share of the money "raised under the UJA banner" goes to "so-called 'civic defense.' It is spent for the maintenance of oftentimes competing agencies, according to a charge made before the National Community Relations Advisory Council, not by an outsider, but by a responsible official of one of the defense agencies."

Dr. Eisendrath's reference was to David Petegorsky, national executive director of the American Jewish Congress, who said, in an exclusive Post interview, that U. S. Jewish defense agencies were seeking a budget for 1949 of more than \$11,000,000 for a job which could be handled at a cost of \$4,000,000. Petegorsky subsequently repeated the charge which was protested by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, two other major civic defense agencies. (NJP March 25).

Eisendrath asserted that American Jewish contributors might be saved millions of dollars if wasteful duplication were eliminated.

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## WHEN FREDDY WOULDN'T EAT MEAT

By DENA WENGER

FREDDY'S mother uneasily watched her seven year old son eat his lunch. He was eating everything but his meat, and in his eyes she saw a far away dreamy expression which meant that Fred was thinking. It was a look she always reckoned with, for it meant that she too had better start thinking — thinking fast.



"You're not eating your liver, Freddy," she said.

"I'm not going to eat it, mommy; someone had to kill a baby cow to get it, and I think that's mean. I'm never going to eat liver!"

Freddy's mother resisted an impulse to utter sharply, "Stop this nonsense and eat your meat!" Experience had taught her that with Fred such tactics never worked.

She wasn't altogether surprised at his odd proclamation. Many little things had led up to it—the way he tenderly buried a dead bird rather than throw it in the trash barrel as his mother had callously suggested; the reproachful look in his eyes as he watched her grimly pursue a fly that had invaded the kitchen.

"Flies can't think, Fred had contended at that time, "They don't know they're spreading germs, so it's mean to kill them."

At his mother's exasperated, "Well, now, Freddy, what do you expect me to do, let this fly land on your plate? Do you know what could happen, God forbid? You could get sick!"

"I know," the boy answered calmly, "but all y'have to do is open the door and shoo him out."

Now he was refusing to eat

his meat. Unconsciously this sensitive little boy had struck on a humanitarian note stressed by Jewish traditionalists. And through his mother's mind there flashed a remark she had heard their Rabbi make, "The kosher food laws give us an attitude toward kindness and teach us respect for animal life in the hope that we may have higher regard for human life."

Freddy's mother felt so inadequate. Yet she somehow had to deal with the situation. Tomorrow he'd realize that a chicken had to be killed before you could eat it; the next day he might discover that the leather in his shoes came from the hide of an animal.

She turned to the one media which always satisfied, "You know, Freddy, right in the beginning of the Bible there's a part that reads, 'every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; as the green herb have I given you all.' It means that God meant it to be that way. He meant us to eat meat just the way he meant us to eat vegetables. And you know what else, honey? It didn't hurt the little calf when he was slaughtered. The 'Sochet' is an educated man. He has learned to make the incision almost painless, like the doctor when he gives you a shot, it's over before you know it. Now finish your lunch, son."

Freddy picked up his fork again. For him the problem was solved. For Freddy's mother, however, it started a new train of thought.

The liver had in truth come from a kosher butcher; today she had been able to cope with her inquisitive child. Tomorrow, however, would bring other questions in the same vein. Tomorrow would she be able to answer him honestly? In the Jewish mother's eyes was the identical expression she had previously seen in

## Big New Contest Starts Pretty Soon

Dear Boys and Girls, Shalom: The Junior Post soon will be buzzing with new activity and this week I want to tell you something about our plans.



In the first place, we again have membership certificates. So now, those of you who have been waiting to join until we could make that announcement, don't have to wait any longer.

Pretty soon we'll have a swell new contest, something to test your wits and to win some real prizes. We can't tell you the details right now but we soon will have the news.

While we're talking about it, don't forget our friend Danielle, the little French orphan girl whom we are helping. Some of you may remember that I suggested some parties for Danielle. Your club or Hebrew school class could stage a party with games and other fun-making. You could charge a small admission fee and the money would make a welcome gift for our little friend in France.

It might be a lot of fun to have a PARTY FOR DANIELLE and I would like to have as many of you as possible try it. And don't forget to let me know, so we can tell other Junior Post members about it in this space.

Till next week, then,

Shalom,

HERBERT WEINBERG

the eyes of her son. Freddy's mother was thinking.

## Things To Think About

"Causing pain to living creatures is forbidden by the Torah." There are other pains not just physical ones . . . What does this make you think of?

D. W.

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## State Aid To Be Sought

## CCNY STUDENTS VOW STRIKE TO CONTINUE IN TEACHER FIGHT

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Leaders of City College of New York students planned this week to take their fight for open trials for two faculty members charged with racial bias to New York state officials.

The decision to appeal to State Commissioner of Education Francis Spaulding and the Board of Higher Education in New York was made at a meeting of the student strike committee.

Spokesmen for the students said the strike, which started last Monday and wound up in a melee that brought police into action, was slated to be resumed early this week.

**Big Development Promised**  
"Sensational developments" were promised in the resumption of the strike. William Fortunato, president of the student council and chairman of the strike committee, said the fight would be pushed against Prof. William E. Knickerbocker, chairman of the department of Romance Languages and William C. Davis, an instructor in the Economics Department.

**Police Inspector George Colgan met with CCNY President Harry N. Wright to discuss preparations for the strike resumption.**

Fortunato said a speakers committee was being set up to carry the students' case to all parts of the city.

Earlier, the student strike leaders rejected all suggestions from the CCNY faculty that the strike be called off and mediation be started instead. Fortunato accused the school faculty of refusing admission to student strike leaders at the faculty meeting at which the truce proposal was drafted.

**Union Makes Aid Offer**  
The Furriers Joint Council sent

a letter pledging full support from the 15,000 fur workers to the students in their "fight for civil rights and against Anti-Semitism and anti-Negroism."

Fortunato said the strike committee could not prevent any organizations from offering moral support but that the Furriers Joint Council was "one of the organizations our committee will not clear." The union has been charged with communist domination.

**Action Promised Again**  
The State Department of Education, which has repeatedly delayed action in the two-year fight, indicated that Spaulding would set a date "soon" for oral argument on an appeal by the American Jewish Congress and other groups from a ruling of the N.Y. City Board of Higher Education in 1947 that charges of anti-Semitism against Knickerbocker had not been proved.

At Fortunato's urging, the strike committee rejected an offer from the left-wing American Jewish Labor Council and eight leftist labor unions to supply enough pickets "to shut the place down."

In contrast to the tumultuous start of the strike, when 17 pickets were arrested, picketing on following days was orderly. Passover and Easter holidays brought a suspension to the walkout and the demonstrations.

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## LZOA Launches Fight Against Jewish Red Attack on Israel

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The leadership of the Labor Zionist Organization of America this week called on its members throughout the U. S. to open an intensive campaign to clarify the issues in the declaration of war on Zionism by U. S. Jewish Communists.

In a letter to all chapters signed by Baruch Zuckerman, president, and Berl Frymer, executive secretary, the LZOA said that even for the Communists "it would be a little too difficult to enter an open campaign against Israel today."

"The Communists therefore adopted a different tactic," the statement said. "They continually claim that they are for the Jewish State but that they are only fighting against the Israeli Government led by David Ben-Gurion because this government is a tool of imperialism."

The statement said that the Stalinists "by repeating this lie, hope to gain new adherents for their cause. For these reasons our movement above all must stand guard and explain to the community the treacherous role and hypocritical politics of the Communist Party."

"The Central Committee (governing body of LZOA) therefore decided to begin an intensive campaign throughout the country to explain to the Jewish community what the Jewish Communists want to achieve with their new line," the statement said.

### First Fight By Zionists

The statement was the first by any U. S. Zionist party in a counter-attack on the new Communist party line. LZOA was motivated of course by the fact that the Jewish Communists have followed the general line of the party in attacking as imperialist

the labor government of Ben-Gurion. His party, the Mapai, is the counterpart in Israel of the U. S. Labor Zionist group.

The stand of the Jewish Communists, which came after a considerable internal struggle, was announced two weeks ago in the FREIHEIT, Jewish Communist daily.

The growing anti-Zionist line was a source of embarrassment for U. S. Jewish Communists, who in recent years were the most violent Zionists of all, the LZOA statement noted.

### They Were Such Zionists

"They made supreme efforts to appear to be ardent Zionists and sang Hatikvah at their meetings," the statement said. "There were even important Jewish national organizations which co-operated with them in certain campaigns for Israel."

The statement said that the campaign to expose the new line would be carried on at meetings, by the press, leaflets, radio programs and similar methods.

"We do not wish to exaggerate their influence in the Jewish community, but we must not permit their poisonous campaign against Ben-Gurion and his government to remain unanswered," the statement said. "We must not permit the American Jewish Community to be misled."

## ISRAELI COOL TO POPE PLEA FOR UN RULE OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM—The recommendation of Pope Pius XII for internationalization of Jerusalem received a chilly reception from unofficial Israeli sources here this week.

Those sources said internationalization of the new Jerusalem, with its 100,000 Israeli, was out of the question and that the Old City was held by Transjordan's Arab Legion.

The issue stirred up by the Pope's announcement played a major role in the failure of the United Nations General Assembly to act on Israel's application for UN membership.

The application went to the Political Committee when a group of nations banded together for various reasons to halt what had appeared to be a sure admission in the present session at Lake Success.

### Britain Aids Israel

Britain came indirectly to the aid of the Israeli on the Jerusalem issue by indicating considerable doubts about the feasibility of full internationalization.

Christopher Mayhew, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons in London that "to impose an international regime over a considerable area, as foreseen by the United Nations, would be a formidable task, requiring a very large police for administration."

Mayhew said that the British Government hoped that "whatever solution is reached, we feel there must be free access to the Holy Places" in the Old City.

The statement tied in with consistent Israeli assurances that they favored any proposal for that purpose which would not expose the Israeli residents of the new city to danger of attacking Arabs.

A total of 856 refugee immigrants arrived in Israel during the first four days of Passover. Five hundred immigrants arrived in Haifa on Sunday aboard the Kodma.

## Israeli Will Meet With Arabs May 26

TEL AVIV—(WNS)—Composition of the Israeli delegation to the Lausanne conference with the Arab states was announced here this week. Dr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, is to head the ten-man delegation.

The conference is slated to open at Lausanne, Switzerland, on May 26, under the auspices of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission. All preparations for the conference have been completed and the group is expected to leave soon. Although the Lausanne conference is of an exploratory nature, there is growing belief here that the parley may be transformed into a real peace conference.

### Histadrut Seder Raises A Million

NEW YORK—(JTA)—Over \$1,000,000 was raised here for Histadrut activities in Israel at the 17th annual Third Seder sponsored by the National Committee for Labor Israel. More than 5,000 persons attended three simultaneous dinners in separate ballrooms at the Astor and Commodore Hotels, while over 2,000 persons were turned away because of lack of space.

JERUSALEM—(JTA)—An American Jewish Committee delegation headed by Jacob Blaustein, A.J.C. president, visited Jewish Agency headquarters here. They discussed Israel's economic situation with Agency executive members, including Berl Locker, Meir Grossman and Eliahu Dobkin.

## Final Welfare Talks Underway With CIO

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA — Negotiations will get underway again next week between representatives of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers and board of directors of the Association for Jewish Children, last of three Jewish social service organizations involved in labor disputes with the union which has been continuing for some months.

A union spokesman told The Post they felt an amicable solution will be worked out with basic salary increases and the date when the increase become effective retroactively are the only two stumbling blocks now that union recognition was granted.

The other two organizations, the Employment and Vocational Bureau and the Jewish Family Society, settled their disputes with the union with pay increases and union recognition granted.

### ISRAEL IN BERLIN

BERLIN—(JTA)—The Israeli Government will open a consulate in Berlin, it was reported here. Eliezer Spector has been designated consul-general and will arrive here soon.

## COMPROMISE DP LAW SLATED FOR AFTER-EASTER PASSAGE

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON—Congress is expected to approve immediately after the present Easter recess a compromise DP immigration bill calling for the admission of at least 300,000 DPs which was passed this week by the House Judiciary Committee. The legislation was introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler at the approval of the President, according to Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The bill provides for the admission of 18,000 former members of Gen. Wladislaw Anders' Second Polish Corps, which has been charged with containing anti-Semitic elements. The measure, which would also admit 4,000 Shanghai refugees, authorizes the President to grant admission to another 100,000 in 1952 if he finds that other nations are accepting a comparable share of the refugees.

Under existing legislation, DPs who entered Germany after Dec. 22, 1945, are ineligible for admission to the United States. The new compromise bill advances this date to Jan. 1, 1949. Preferences for DPs from the Baltic states and for farmers are eliminated from the new bill although there is a provision placing farmers at the top of the preferred list of DP trades.

The revised measure also permits the admission of ethnic Germans up to one-half the German quota to 1952. Germans who assisted in persecutions of Jews, however, or who have proven

## ORTHODOX GROUP IN BRITISH TOWN BOYCOTT NEW REFORM CONGREGATION

LONDON—A virtual boycott of a new Reform congregation in Cardiff by the Orthodox rabbinate in that city was reported here last week by an official of the new congregation.

Max Corne, president of the newly-formed Cardiff Association Synagogue, said "terrific opposition" had developed.

He said that the Cardiff Orthodox Jewish Community had refused the services of their ritual circumciser to the new congregation.

He said a mohel was then hired in London but his services soon were dropped because of the distance he had to travel to handle his duties with the new congregation.

Corne said that arrangements later were made with a congregation in a nearby city but that the Chief Rabbi then intervened to prevent that mohel from serving the new Congregation.

### Others Not Barred She Says

## WOMAN BUILDER CHARGES BIAS IN EASTON ZONING BOARD BAN

EASTON, Pa.—(NJP)—Charges of anti-Semitism were leveled this week against the City Council and the Zoning Board of Easton by Mrs. Mary Reininger, who purchased an unoccupied home in the College Hill section of Easton to convert it into apartments but was stopped by a zoning board action.

Both the board and the council turned down Mrs. Reininger's application and the county courts also rejected her motion. Mrs. Reininger then filed an appeal with the Supreme Court of the state. A ruling is now pending.

The board and the council have

rejected the application on grounds that the house is in a zone where such projects are forbidden.

Mrs. Reininger said that the law has not been enforced against a number of other builders who have constructed apartments. She said some of those who thus violated the zoning law filed petitions against her application.

Calvin Smith, Mrs. Reininger's attorney, said that the council, when asked for an explanation of the alleged discrimination, wrote letters to the violators asking them not to use the extra apartments once the housing shortage is eased.

### No Permits Before

In each case of previous violation, Smith said, no permits were taken out and in some cases a city inspector used his own authority to grant permission for building.

The property purchased by Mrs. Reininger was formerly a fraternity house for Jewish students at Lafayette college.

George F. Coffin, Jr., attorney for the City of Easton, said the record of the case was devoid of racial discrimination.

"We charge that this petition was filed with the sole purpose of kindling the flames of religious prejudice in our city where none has existed before in its entire history," Coffin said. "This action we resent as contemptible."

## Bevin Tomato Throwers Guilty: No Sentences

NEW YORK—Found guilty in Magistrates' Court on charges of disorderly conduct during the picketing of Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, two Jewish youths received suspended sentences. A charge of disorderly conduct against a third youth was dismissed.

The disorderly conduct was throwing tomatoes.

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